

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair; gentle northerly winds becoming variable. Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 35; rain, 13.09; rainfall, none; atmosphere, clear; wind, northeast.

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SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 4, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

JURY ACQUITS 3 DEFENDANTS IN HALL CASE

Verdict Follows More Than Five Hours of Deliberation of Evidence

REPORTER REPRIMANDED

Defense Counsel and Relatives Congratulate Mrs. Hall, Willie and Henry After Vindication

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—As calmly as she sat through 24 days of trial, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall tonight heard Somerset county jury say that she and her brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens, were not guilty of the murder of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills.

Five hours and two minutes after they left the courtroom the jury returned with the verdict of acquittal. The names of the defendants were called one by one, Mrs. Hall's being the last.

Her face lighted when "not guilty" was the reply of the foreman to the question, "Henry Stevens?" from the clerk of the court. There was an added radiance when the same announcement followed the name of Willie Stevens, for "Willie" although older, has long been his sister's favorite.

When she too was declared "not guilty," Mrs. Hall's smile faded, to be replaced by a look of calm satisfaction.

Four minutes after the verdicts had been announced the court was adjourned and the three defendants, surrounded by their relatives, who had crowded forward, left the courtroom, the brothers to return to jail pending a motion for bail on a second indictment charging the murder of the Rev. Edward W. H. and Mrs. Hall to her New Brunswick home.

Mrs. Hall also is under indictment for the murder of her husband.

Lieutenant Commander Arthur N. Carpenter, her cousin, placed his arms about Mrs. Hall when the jury filed in and kept her in close embrace until she arose to leave. There was, however, no apparent danger that she would collapse.

Henry Stevens smiled as the last verdict was read, after looking steadily ahead through the first two announcements. Willie, as usual, grinned broadly throughout.

Judge Frank L. Cleary, shook hands warmly with Willie. Judge Cleary has sat with Justice Chas. W. Parker of the supreme court.

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WOMAN REVEALS SEEING KILLER

PORTLAND POLICE NOW HAVE MINUTE DESCRIPTION

Concentrated Drive Centers on Men of Appearance of Strangler

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP.)—The man who strangled Mrs. Blanche Myers was seen Saturday going up the steps to her house, it was disclosed tonight by police. Mrs. Myers was murdered Monday. Her body was found hidden under a bed, the strings of an apron knotted tightly about her throat and with her chest discolored from a terrific blow. The killer was seen Saturday by a woman who, before she gave her information, exacted from police a promise that her name would not be mentioned. The woman's word is unquestionable, officers declare.

It has been known by investigators that the man suspected of slaying Mrs. Myers visited her home Saturday with a view of renting a room, but that he left without doing so, saying the rent was too high. Mrs. Myers in a conversation with the owner of the house a short time before she was killed, told him she had rented the room to "a young man who looks like a logger" who had been there Saturday to look at the rooms.

This man, according to John T. chief of Portland detectives, is the one who arrived here November 24, and gave two women in the house in which he stayed several articles of jewelry now identified as having been taken from Mrs. Florence Fithian Monks of Seattle, murdered on November 23. He left his room Monday morning, a few hours before Mrs. Myers was strangled to death here.

The description of the man seen going up the steps of the Myers' house and the man who distributed the Monks' jewelry is identical, police point out.

"This is the final link," declared Detective Leonard, who is on spe-

CLAIM SECRETARY HALTED EVIDENCE

DEFENSE IN FALL-DOHENY TRIAL SUMMON WILBER

Court to Consider Whether Document Shall Go Before Jury in Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP.)—The defense today drew Secretary of the Navy Wilbur into the Fall-Doeheny criminal conspiracy trial.

They accused the secretary in open court of seeking to restrict the testimony of a retired naval officer and produced what they said was an official order to prove it.

Whether the document is to go before the jury was still undecided when court adjourned tonight, but Mr. Wilbur will be put on the witness stand tomorrow or Monday. He declined tonight to forecast what his testimony would be.

Frank J. Hogan, chief counsel for the defense, presented the document during examination of Rear Admiral J. K. Robison, retired, former chief of the bureau of engineering, when the witness refused to answer questions concerning the strategic importance of the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, naval base.

Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior and Edward L. Doheny, lessee of the Elk Hills reserve, are charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the government in the negotiations which led to the lease and the award to Doheny's company of an oil storage contract at Pearl Harbor.

Admiral Robison, one of the principal defense witnesses, was called for questioning as to the part the navy took in the negotiations. As special representative of Edwin Denby, the secretary of the navy at the time, he said he was charged with all negotiations involving the navy's interest, and in that capacity was conversant with virtually every step in the conversations which culminated in the leases and contracts awarded Doheny's Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company.

When Hogan questioned Robison as to the official status of the Pearl Harbor base in the war plans division of the navy department, the witness refused to answer.

"Have you received any orders from the navy department?" Hogan asked.

"Produce it," Robison refused, but finally handed a paper to Justice Hoehling, presiding.

"I see no need of publishing that," the court said.

The matter then was taken under advisement, following government objection to Hogan's tender of the document in evidence.

The Wilbur flurry was the climax of a laborious day which put before the jury evidence that both sides averred supported their case.

OFFICERS ARREST BOYS

ALBERT TOZIER CLAIMS RELICS STOLEN FROM HOME

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP.)—A dozen boys, ranging in ages from 8 to 13 years, were arrested today by police, charged with the larceny of reputed valuable relics and papers of Albert Tozier, historian of Champoux Memorial building from his home here. Justice court authorities will have charge of the case.

The boys are charged by Tozier with entering his home while he and his family were away and rummaging through his effects, scattering rare old papers from which he hoped to publish a history of Oregon, and carrying off old daguerrotypes and relics which have been in the Tozier family for many years. Outstanding was an antique watch, carried through the revolutionary war by Mr. Tozier's great grandfather and through the war of 1812 by Mr. Tozier's grandfather. Valuable coins were also reported missing.

NOTED CIRCUS MAN DIES

PHYSICIANS BELIEVED RINGLING IMPROVING

SARASOTA, Fla., Dec. 3.—(AP.)—Charles Ringling, circus man, financier and railroad builder, died at his home here tonight after an illness of several weeks. His death was unexpected as it had been believed by attending physicians as late as yesterday that he was recovering from an attack of heart trouble.

Mr. Ringling was one of the famous Ringling brothers who, years ago, organized a wagon show and from this developed the largest circus organization in the world, making their names household words.

SOLDIERS' HOME FUNDS

BILL WOULD PLACE DISPOSAL IN HANDS OF BOARD

Money bequeathed to the Oregon soldiers' home at Roseburg, would be placed at the disposal of the state board of control, under the provisions of a bill proposed by the attorney general for consideration of the next legislature.

PUBLIC DOMAIN IMPERILED BY PENDING BILLS

Whole Future of National Conservation Jeopardized Says Secretary

LIBERAL GRANTS MADE

N. J. Sinnott, Chairman of Lands Committee, Told of Royalties From Leases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP.)—A warning to congress to judge sharply in weighing the question whether guardianship of natural resources of the United States should be turned over to the states was delivered today by Secretary Work.

Writing to Chairman Sinnott of the house public lands committee, the interior secretary placed a value of \$13,697,500,000 on the domain which proposed legislation would entrust entirely or in part to the sovereign states. The pending bills, he warned, jeopardized the whole future of national conservation.

The program worked out in the administration of President Roosevelt, said Dr. Work, provided that 52 per cent of the receipts under the leasing laws should finance reclamation in western states. He estimated that since 1902 more than \$200,000,000 had been spent to reclaim vast areas and that \$90,000,000 was required to complete existing projects.

Disappearance of royalties to the government from leases on the public domain, he added, would leave the program without financial support.

"Whether these resources should be retained, conserved, and developed for the general good under the policies already adopted, or whether they should be turned over to the states, to be disposed of or handed without any uniform policy and according to local view or individual caprice," the secretary asserted, "is a question which should receive careful consideration by congress."

"It has been the practice of congress to make liberal grants to states for the support or endowment of schools and other institutions, to railroads to encourage the building of transportation lines, and various other grants designed to aid or encourage desirable enterprises. In such grants it has been the general policy to reserve known minerals."

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TURKEY HUNTING SOON FOR OREGON

GAME WARDEN REPORTS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Protection and Propagation of Game Comes Before Next Meeting

That the state game commission is just completing one of the most successful years in its existence was evident in the meeting of the Salem Rod and Gun club held at the Marion hotel last evening following a get-together banquet at which the state warden and several members of the commission were present.

Ed. Averill, state game warden, told of two measures that he advocated for the coming legislature to act upon. First that the restriction on deer changed to male deer with forked horns and second that the pheasant season be limited to a 30 day season with only eight open days, Sundays and Wednesdays of each week.

Averill pointed to other improvements in the game department which have been found successful. The most outstanding probably is the decision of the commission to plant in streams only trout that have become five or more inches in length instead of the usual two and three inch trout.

The state hatcheries have in stock now 14,000,000 fish which will be held over till spring for release at which time they will be large enough to care for themselves. The commission has also been experimenting with wild turkeys in southern Oregon particularly in Curry county and have found great success and Mr. Averill promised the club that in a few years turkey hunting in Oregon would become a reality.

Thomas Kay presided over the meeting and mentioned the next meeting of the club which will be held Tuesday at which time definite action would be formulated for the protection and propagation of state game and objectives to be presented before the legislature. The two suggestions by Mr. Averill are to be among the proposed remedies.

TALK BEE CARE AT STATE MEET

OVER 200 PRESENT AT SECOND DAY'S SESSIONS

Concluding Convention Program Today Calls for Banquet at Independence

The second day's sessions of the annual meeting of the Oregon State Beekeepers' association, at Dallas yesterday, were as well attended as those of Thursday; 200 or more were present.

At the morning session, after announcements, there was a paper by George W. York, editor of "Bees and Honey," Seattle, the leading paper on this coast devoted to the industry. There was

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ATLANTIC GALES WRECK SHIPPING

CREW OF BEACHED GERMAN VESSEL CAMP ON SHORE

Coast Guard Cutter Crippled in Battle With Waves Off New Bedford

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—(AP.)—As the wintry gale that had lashed the north Atlantic for 48 hours moderated tonight, battered shipping along the coast line from Newfoundland to Nantucket remained to bear witness to its fury. Two large steamers were aground, one on little Miquelon island and the other in Sydney, N. S. harbor; two disabled schooners were lying in Massachusetts waters, and an unknown motorboat, reported adrift off Nauset last night, had not been found.

The crew of the German steamer Totilla, which grounded on little Miquelon island yesterday morning, tonight were camped on the beach at White Sands, awaiting settlement of the island, awaiting fair weather for an attempt to salvage the vessel. The British steamer Hindustan, engaged in the coal carrying trade between Sydney, N. S., and British ports, was hard aground in Sydney harbor, but apparently in no danger.

The four masted Boston schooner Horace A. Stone, which was reported in distress off Chatham last night with both anchors gone, sailed gone and holds partly flooded, drifted during the night to a point 45 miles southeast of Nantucket lights. She was sighted today by the British steamer City of Melbourne, Hamburg for New York. The coast guard cutter Aenshnet, which put to her assistance, was crippled in the battle with the gale and put into New Bedford for repairs, and the destroyer Burrows went to the schooner's rescue.

The British four masted schooner White Belle, also a victim of the gale, tonight was riding at anchor off Chatham. Her sails were blown away and she will be assisted to Vineyard Haven for a new rig.

MUSCLE SHOALS ISSUE REVIVED

NEW BID MADE FOR MONSTER POWER PROJECT

Tax Proposals to Have Rough Going at Coming Session of Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP.)—Designing of new legislative garments to drape the old issues of prohibition, radio, taxation and alien property and a possible election contest, today occupied the attention of members of congress who have re-opened their offices on Capitol Hill.

Muscle Shoals also was taken from the shelf and dusted for a possible reappearance before the

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CITIZENS HOLD MASS MEETING RELIEF SOUGHT

Urge Supervisors to Get Busy and Provide Means for Better Drainage

5,000 ACRES IN DISTRICT

Committee of Three to Vigorously Investigate; Heavy Rains Bring Matter to Attention of Many

Drainage of the southeastern section of Salem was the subject of a general mass meeting held in the chamber of commerce rooms last night, which was attended by more than 100 interested parties. The recent heavy rains caused a general flooded condition in this part of the city from which the citizens are seeking some relief.

The drainage section in question was created by an act of the legislature and is called the Salem Drainage district. The drainage code provides that each acre in the section shall represent one vote and the owners of 10 city lots likewise have one vote. This means that the farmers living outside the city limits were able to pool their votes and, although being in the minority as far as numbers were concerned, actually control the situation by having a voting majority.

The law provided for the election of supervisors and on August 7, 1925, a meeting was held and the following elected: F. W. Durbin, W. H. Steunfort and T. B. Kay.

A general discussion was held last night concerning the flooded condition and the poor drainage. Mr. Tibbets, Mr. Herrick, Mr. Gluck, I. B. Hale and Mrs. Kirkpatrick all spoke and were unanimous in their plea that steps should be taken immediately to alleviate the deplorable situation.

City Engineer Hugh Rogers was called upon and explained that the present sewer was entirely inadequate for the district. Mr. Herrick, county surveyor, was of the same opinion. W. W. Rosebraugh, chairman of the sewer committee of the city council, expressed the same opinion as the city engineer.

Dr. W. H. Brown spoke briefly from the health standpoint and called attention to the fact that

NINE PUPILS SUSPENDED

TWO OF FACULTY TO GO FOLLOWING WHITEWASHING

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP.)—Two members of the high school faculty were asked to resign and nine high school students were suspended by the Eugene board of education today following an investigation of the doings of Principal J. G. Swan with a bucket of whitewash yesterday. Members of the faculty against whom action was taken are R. G. Brown, director of athletics and football coach, and A. C. Bouck, secretary to Principal Swan and instructor. The students suspended are Dale Burris, Lowell Manrud, Richard Guske, Byron O'Connor, Henry Welch, Ronald Riley, Gerald Towne and Tom McCollum.

The members of the board declared their intention of weeding out the student element that has been making trouble during the past several weeks.

FIVE FATAL ACCIDENTS

788 PERSONS INJURED IN STATE DURING WEEK

There were five fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending December 2, according to a report prepared here yesterday by the state industrial accident commission.

The victims were Frank Demeter, Portland, powder operator; A. J. Normandin, Wendling, choker-man; L. Ingram, Azalea, laborer; John Carroll, laborer, and Allan A. McDonald, Bates, swamper.

Of the 788 accidents reported, 626 were subject to the provisions of the compensation law, 158 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the act, and four were from public utilities not subject to state protection.

PLAN TOUR OF STATE BELLINGER TO ACCOMPANY GROUP FOR INVESTIGATION

Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the state tuberculosis hospital, will accompany members of the state board of control and regents of the state normal schools, to eastern Oregon December 12, where they will inspect proposed sites for the new Eastern Oregon state normal school and state tuberculosis hospital established by the voters of the state at the recent general election.

Dr. Bellinger was requested to make the trip by members of the state board of control.

SANTA TO ARRIVE IN SALEM SUNDAY

PARADE AND RECEPTION ON MONDAY AFTERNOON

Plans Visit to State Institutions in Morning, Will Be Here for Two Days

It's three weeks today until the real Christmas. Seems like we're starting Christmas a long ways ahead of time, to talk about it now for two weeks past, doesn't it?

But you know, the first real Christmas was talked about for more than 2000 years before it came. Men prayed about it; millions of people who never really saw it, knew it was coming, and it made them glad just to think that it was coming. They knew it was something big and fine, that made the world happier and better, and they were glad that they could believe that long before it really came.

So a five weeks talk about Christmas isn't a bit too long for us, when the world had been glad to wait 2000 years for the first one.

Christmas means as much to-day as it ever did. It has always meant happier and better childhood. It is the children's day; the day when children want to be better than ever before, to be more and more like the Babe of Bethlehem, whose birthday they celebrate as Christmas day.

It's your day. When one is getting ready for a big ball game or for an examination that says whether one is to pass or to flunk and have to go back into the dunce class, one prepares a long while before. One studies his muscles or his mind for weeks or months, and then he's ready.

Just so, one has to train for Christmas. One doesn't put off being glad until Christmas day, frowning and sulking and saying, "I'm not going to waste any glad he can, so glad!" But he wouldn't; he'd be sulky and dummer and groucher than ever, if he put it off so long.

We start Christmas early, so that we can be ready to enjoy it. We can have five weeks of good he can, so glad!" But he wouldn't; he'd be sulky and dummer and groucher than ever, if he put it off so long.

FRANC RISES RAPIDLY

UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES THROUGHOUT FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 3.—(AP.)—France which faced an economic crisis last July because of the fall of the franc, now is facing another crisis because of its phenomenal rise within the past few months.

Unemployment and serious business depressions have come with the rise of the French exchange which hit 25.82 to the dollar today, double its value in mid-July when it was quoted in New York at less than two cents. It was 31.10 a month ago and 35.52 two months ago.

Textile mills are idle in the north, 15 Limoges shoe factories are preparing to shut down, while automobile, machinery and clothing manufacturers are reducing forces.

CLAIM BODY 'PLANTED'

FATHER DECLARES SON INNOCENT OF MURDER

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis., Dec. 3.—(AP.)—A conviction that the body of Clara Olson was "planted" for purposes of discovery on a hillside overlooking the home of her lover, Erdman Olson, and to divert suspicion towards a quarter of a mile of the tobacco plantation where Erdman lived with his parents.

QUAKE DESTROYS TOWN

LITTLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM ARMENIA

MOSCOW, Dec. 3.—(AP.)—An earthquake in the region of Leninakan, Armenia, is reported to have destroyed the village of Kapli. Nothing is known as to victims and the extent of the damage, if any, in nearby towns.

THREE FOR DEPORTATION

PATIENTS TO BE DELIVERED IN PORTLAND MONDAY

CITY OFFICERS FAVOR CHANGES IN STATE LAW

League Plans Support of Cities for Proposed Stream Pollution Bill

ENTERTAINED BY LIONS

Pierce and Koser Warn Officials Against Increasing City Indebtedness; Stricker Talks on Health

Over 100 state, county and municipal officials met in the chamber of the house of representatives yesterday for the regular meeting of the League of Oregon Cities. During the course of the day they discussed many bills and measures which are of interest to the cities and counties.

After a lively debate in which it was argued that 75 per cent of the motor vehicle license fees and fuel oil taxes were given to the state highway commission, while the remaining 25 per cent went to the counties in proportion to the amount they contributed to the fund, the municipalities receiving no consideration, it was agreed to submit a bill to the next session of the legislature in an effort to remedy the situation.

In order not to disturb in any way the program of the state highway commission it was agreed by members of the league that the legislative bill should provide that the division of funds would affect only the counties' proportion of the motor vehicle revenues. The basis for the division of the motor vehicle license fees and the motor vehicle fuel oil taxes between the counties and municipalities will be worked out by the legislative committee of the league.

Members of the league said that the approval of the proposed legislation would tend to relieve to some extent the city property owners and taxpayer who, under existing conditions, is compelled to construct and maintain the streets of the municipality in addition to contributing funds for the building and upkeep of the county highways.

The league also considered a resolution presented by Chris Schubel of Oregon City providing that incorporated towns and cities of Oregon shall constitute separate road districts and shall not be subject to taxation for road or bridge purposes by the county courts other than for road taxes for state highways constructed in conjunction with the state highway commission.

It was said that the resolution

FAVOR \$115,045 OREGON LIBRARY

COMMISSION APPROVED \$248,000 FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

Poultrymen Receive Amount, Work to be Completed Next Monday

The state budget commission yesterday approved an appropriation of \$115,045 for the conduct of the Oregon state library during the next biennium starting January 1, 1927.

The state library board originally sought an appropriation of \$119,095 for the two years, but this latter was reduced in the amount of \$4050 through the elimination of a proposal to establish a book truck service in some of the sparsely populated districts in eastern Oregon. The library received an appropriation of \$75,000 for the current biennium, which proved insufficient to meet the demands made upon the institution.

For the University of Oregon medical school, located in Portland, the commission recommended an appropriation of \$248,293. An appropriation of \$130,000 was authorized for the Doernbecher hospital.

The state board of health requested an appropriation of \$85,115, but this was reduced by the commission to \$74,995. For the bureau of hygiene which is operated under the direction of the state board of health, the commission authorized an appropriation of \$15,000. The federal government will appropriate a like sum of money for the conduct of this bureau. The request of the bureau of public health nursing for an appropriation of \$14,000 was reduced to \$12,500. Other appropriations recommended by the budget commission included \$1000 for the state text book commission and \$15,000 for the Oregon Poultrymen's association. The latter funds would be used in stamping out poultry diseases.

The budget commission will complete its hearings next Monday.

