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CARKIN NAMES TAX REDUCTION GROUP OF 35

Speaker of House of Representatives Complies With Terms of Law

PROPERTY RELIEF NAMED

T. A. Livesley, Mayor of Salem, One Member of Commission Authorized By Legislature Last Spring

PORTLAND, Oct. 1.—John H. Carkin, of Medford, speaker of the house of representatives, tonight announced the appointment of 35 men, representing every part of the state and every industry in the state, to formulate plans whereby property taxes may be reduced.

Included in the line of duty of the commission of 35 will be the study of the various plans for the relief of the tax burden on real property. Methods whereby the financial requirements of Oregon may be met by indirect taxation will be considered. The group will be known as the Property Tax Relief commission. The appointment of the commission was made under authority of a resolution adopted by the house during the last legislative session. The commission, Mr. Carkin said in a statement accompanying the appointment, is non-political and non-partisan.

Many Occupations Represented
The commission represents farmers and grange men, small home owners, bankers, dairymen, lumbermen, utility heads, stockmen, horticulturists, business men and labor leaders from every section of Oregon and from the coast section, eight from the coast, six from central Oregon and six from eastern Oregon.

Mr. Carkin's statement tonight said in part:

"At the last session of the legislature the house of representatives provided, by resolution, for the appointment of a property tax relief commission, to study state finances, to consist of five members. Subsequently, owing in part to

HOLD SECRETARY AS EMBEZZLER

WHITE LIGHTS OF BROADWAY LURE ANOTHER VICTIM

Miss Anne MacGovern Comes to End of Primrose Path; Bail \$50,000

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—(AP)—For four years Miss Anne MacGovern danced down the primrose path—danced to a \$50,000 tune, though her earnings during that period aggregated only \$12,000—and today she was called on to pay the piper.

In the daytime she was confident secretary receiving \$50 a week and the implicit trust of her employer, Harmon August, who had offices with the Commercial Investment company in Park avenue. At night, however, she emerged from the drab chrysalis of the business world, a brilliant moth fluttering to the brightness of the singing lights.

Just what her pastimes were during these nightly pilgrimages has not developed, though it is known that they cost five times the amount of her salary. She herself summed it up in two words when she was herded with petty thieves into the police line up—high living.

"High living," she said, admitting under the masked regard of 250 detectives at the line up that she had betrayed the confidence placed in her and then added, as if it were an afterthought: "And helping out some friends." How she had helped them she did not say, nor did she tell who they were.

Arraigned later in the day she was held in \$50,000 bail for hearing on a grand larceny charge October 5. The specific charge against her mentioned larceny of only \$2,000, but the large bail was set when police told of her admitting that she had embezzled \$50,000 and when attorneys for August intimated that the amount might be found to be even twice that sum.

DARING HOLDUP IN LOS ANGELES

NEARLY \$5000 IN CURRENCY AND SILVER TAKEN

Merchants National Bank Attacked; Unmasked Bandits Carry Machine Gun

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1.—Seven unmasked men, armed with revolvers, sawed-off shotguns and a machine gun, renewed last week's wave of daylight robberies today by staging one of the most spectacular bank holdups in the city's history, escaping with between \$3500 and \$5000 in currency and silver.

While the South Broadway branch of the Merchants National bank was filled with customers seeking to transact business before the closing at noon, six men, rushing forward under cover of a machine gun mounted on a tripod in an expensive stolen automobile, cowed employes and patrons while currency and silver was scooped into satchels.

The daring raid was made at 11 a. m. Five employes on duty were forced to lie down in the rear of the bank while customers numbering 50 or more, were herded into a corner. One of the robbers stood in the doorway with a sawed-off shotgun with which he menaced the shrinking customers. Another robber remained in the automobile behind while bystanders said was a small machine gun mounted in such a way that it commanded the street.

Other members of the gang scooped up all the money in sight. Most of the robbers appeared to be between 25 and 35 years old. One, believed the ringleader, directed operations from behind the sawed-off shotgun. He was thought to be much older than the rest.

As the gang rushed out of the door, R. C. Elliott, manager of the bank, was felled with a blow from a revolver butt. No other person was molested, late reports from investigators said.

The machine left at fast speed along Broadway. No trace of the men was found several hours later though police fast cars were sent out in all directions.

DEMAND SHOOTING QUIZ

Petitioners Ask Patterson Appoint Special Prosecutor

MEDFORD, ORE., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Petitioners were being circulated throughout Jackson county today asking that Governor Patterson appoint a special prosecutor to conduct a special grand jury investigation into the fatal shooting last Wednesday night of Mansford Zimmerlee, 46, trail rancher, by Federal Prohibition Officer Terry Talent. A coroner's jury last night returned a verdict exonerating Talent on the grounds of "accidental shooting."

District Attorney Newton Chaney this afternoon announced that he had requested Circuit Judge O. M. Corkins, of Lakeview, presiding over the local court, to call the grand jury for next Tuesday to probe the shooting.

LABORITES IN MEETING

Final Preliminary Trades Conference Brought to Close

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1.—(AP)—The last preliminary trades conference was held here today and the decks cleared for the opening Monday of the 47th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor.

The building trades department of the federation bolstered by the recent settlement of its long standing dispute with the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, concluded its convention in snappy fashion with adoption of a number of committee reports and election of officers.

William J. McSorley continued in office as president, his term not expiring this year.

AGED SHEEPMAN PASSES

Rescue By Dog Who Led Relief to Master Unavailing

BEND, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Patrick Welch, Bridge Creek sheepman, who was injured when his rifle was accidentally discharged on a hunting trip in the vicinity of Lookout mountain, died in a local hospital this morning. He was in the mountain 12 hours before a searcher found him.

Which was three miles from his home when the accident occurred. A bloody glove to his neck and the dog made it impossible for him to get out.

STATE HAS NEW PACKING PLANT CAPACITY HUGE

Largest Establishment of Kind in State Gets Started At Portland

MACHINERY UP TO DATE

Company Will Handle Not Only Prunes But Also Many Other Kinds of Fruits; Markets Opened Up

PORTLAND, Oct. 1.—(AP)—The largest prune packing plant in Oregon has started operation in Portland.

Rosenberg Brothers and company have begun work grading, processing and packing Oregon prunes, which are being put out under Oregon brands and in Oregon made boxes. The first carload from the plant was shipped to New York today and the first carload for export will be started on its way to Hamburg Monday.

Firm World's Largest
The company, said to be the largest dried fruit firm in the world, has been operating in Oregon for the past five years with small plants at Riddle and Lebanon, and realizing the strategic importance of waterfront property, in proximity to 53 steamship lines and four transcontinental railroads, took over their Portland plant.

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DREDGE WORKER DROWN

Andrew Jacobson, 42, Falls Into Water Near Westport

ASTORIA, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Andrew Jacobson, 42, an employe of the dredge Natoma, was drowned at the dredge moorings in Westport last night, according to information received here today.

Mr. Jacobson had just stepped on deck and apparently walked into a cable brace in the darkness so that he was momentarily stunned. He stepped off the deck into the water and sank before aid could reach him. The body was recovered today by grappling.

Mr. Jacobson's only known relatives are a widow and daughter in Norway.

FOREST FLAMES BEYOND CONTROL

SCORES OF HOUSES DESTROYED AS FIRE SPREADS

Desert Wind Fans Conflagration in Vicinity of Santa Monica, California

SANTA MONICA, CAL., Oct. 1.—(AP)—A brush and timber fire in Topanga canyon west of here which began in the mountain play ground, got beyond control of 250 fighters late tonight. The flames were raging unchecked in a district completely cut off from outside communication.

SANTA MONICA, CAL., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Twenty or thirty cabins already have been destroyed in a brush and timber fire in Topanga canyon north of here which began before noon today. Several women were reported to have fainted during the evacuation of mountain resorts. The blaze, reported at 2 p. m. as controlled, still was burning late today.

More than a hundred men were fighting the blaze which burned through Kantan Park and on up the canyon sides.

Chief County Fire Warden Turner and his assistant deputy, A. Weimert, reported that a woman whose name they did not ascertain, was forcibly removed from one of the cabins shortly before the flames bore down on the place.

The fire, the origin of which was underestimated, tonight, spread quickly over approximately 200 acres.

INJURED WORKER DIES

Broken Back Sustained by Charles A. Wallace Proves Fatal

Charles A. Wallace, local plastering contractor, who sustained a broken back Friday when he fell from an eight-foot scaffold, died last night at 7 o'clock in the St. Luke hospital. An operation was performed yesterday in an attempt to save his life. The body will be taken to Eugene for burial.

89 PROSTRATED BY HEAT

Sweating Men Beats Down at Baltimore on Huge Crowd

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Eighty nine persons were prostrated today as a record crowd estimated at 76,000 sweltered under a sun of July intensity at the "fair of the Iron Horse" the Baltimore and Ohio railroad's centenary pageant here.

Two railroad cars were quickly fitted up with hastily requisitioned hospital cots and a corps of doctors and nurses mustered to care for the patients.

"CANNY CAL" DISCOVERS INGENUOUS WAY TO SETTLE OUR AGGRAVATING FOREIGN PROBLEMS!



MRS. LOCKWOOD TO ENTER PLEA IN DEATH CASE

Arraigned Saturday on Charge of Manslaughter In Sawyer Death

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

Hit-and-Run Episode On State Street July 19 With Big Band Concert Crowd Nearby Recalled

Mrs. Ruth W. Lockwood, 46, a widow owning a farm near Turner, was arraigned in circuit court yesterday afternoon on a charge of manslaughter growing out of the death of Maynard Sawyer, 30, Salem pharmacist, on July 19. She was given until Monday afternoon to enter a plea.

Mrs. Lockwood's case attracted widespread attention at the time she was arrested as a hit and run driver and lodged in the city jail. At that time Dr. V. A. Douglas, deputy county health officer, was called in and after an examination pronounced the woman to be drunk. Officers declared they confiscated two bottles of liquor.

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REGENTS MEET FRIDAY

Joint Session of Heads of Two State Schools Planned

The semi-annual meeting of the boards of regents of the university of Oregon and the Oregon agricultural college will be held at Eugene next Friday morning, according to a letter sent out Saturday by the secretary of state.

The joint meetings of these two boards, were arranged by Governor Patterson, for the mutual benefit of the two institutions. At a previous meeting of the regents the governor stressed the necessity of doing away with duplication, and holding down the costs of the two schools. It was said that he would have other recommendations to make at Friday's meeting.

Prior to the joint meeting the board of regents of the university of Oregon will hold a brief meeting. A meeting of the regents of Oregon agricultural college will be held at Corvallis Friday afternoon.

TORNADO STRIKES TEXAS

Two Villages Struck With Great Violence Last Night

DALLAS, Texas, Oct. 1.—(AP)—A violent wind struck Letot and Carleton, two Dallas county villages about 6:30 p. m. tonight and caused considerable damage, said reports reaching here. One ambulance was sent to Letot where most of the damage was reported.

The wind came during rain which had been falling in this section for the past 18 hours. It was reported that several houses were damaged in the villages. First reports that seven persons were killed were erroneous.

A wind struck the village of Campbell, Hunt county about an hour before striking Letot and Carleton and destroyed eight houses according to reports reaching here. No one was injured.

YANKEE CUEMAN WINNER

Walter Cochrane Comes from Behind in Brilliant Game

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Overcoming a long lead by a sparkling brand of billiard genius, Walker Cochrane of Hollywood, Cal., successfully defended his world's 18.2 ball line championship in the final block of a 1500 point match with the German challenger, Eric Hagenbacher, at Orchestra hall tonight.

The final score was: Cochrane 1590; Hagenbacher 1474.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Fighting a lead of 292 points gained in the first two blocks, Walker Cochrane of Hollywood, Cal., was given but an outside chance to retain his world's 18.2 ball line billiard crown in the last block with Hagenbacher, the German challenger, tonight.

NOVICE DRIVER WINS BIG RACE

OWNER TAKES REINS WHEN EMPLOYEE DISQUALIFIED

Success in First Attempt at Racing Wins Ovation for John H. Luck

John H. Luck, of Pendleton, took the reins of Cincifield, his own horse, yesterday afternoon and drove to victory in the third heat of the free-for-all race on the fair grounds racing program, winning high money, after his driver, Tom Ireland, had been ousted for refusal to obey orders of the racing judge, Cincifield won three straight heats.

Ireland in an adroit racing driver, and particularly adept at obtaining favorable starts. He was a bit too earnest in his efforts to get away yesterday, however, and after several warnings was disqualified. Luck, who replaced him, had never before driven a race, he said. Spectators gave him a tremendous ovation when he was introduced after the event.

The track was wet from the heavy rains, horses seemed to be tired from the week's racing, and the time of the races was unusually slow.

Checkers, a horse owned by D. E. Witt, of Sunnyside, Wash., was first under the wire in the first, second, and fifth heats of the free for all trot, winning first money. Lidas Dee was second, and L. C. McK, third.

Only horses which had not previously won a race this week were entered in the four running events, for purses of \$150 each.

Babe R. Wie, Thompson up, set a time of 51.1.2 seconds in the half mile run, to win over Joe G. Lafferty up, second; and Babe Ruth, Balentine up, third.

In the five-furlong run, Snively, Rettig up, was first; Chevalier, Harrington up, second; and Skylark, Lafferty up, third. Time 1:04 1/2.

Pangold, Pollard up, was first in the six furlong run, with Tennessee, Rettig up, second; and Ethel F. Fry up, third.

Alice Lorraine, Fry up, won the mile run. Gen. Cadron, Balentine up, was second; and Zeraline, Lafferty up, third. Time 1:50.

STATE FAIR SIDELIGHTS

A patient father was attempting to explain to his inquiring son at the races yesterday why jockeys were such small men. "Now for instance," he said, "Doc Epley wouldn't make a good jockey. The horse couldn't get around the track with him."

Portland cops can sing—At least four of them can. While one of the racing horses was being re-shod after casting a shoe in a race, a quartet, consisting of officers Charles D. Lamb, B. T. Tully, E. B. Barlow, and Sergeant W. A. Tyler, favored occupants of the grandstand with three selections. The cops stuck to old favorites such as "Show me the way to go home," "It ain't gonna rain no more," and "Gypsy sweet heart," and got a big hand. The regular police quartet in Portland has developed quite a reputation for singing. George Johnson, a regular member was not present, so Tully substituted for him.

Visiting the state fair for the first time since 1863, Mrs. Alta Bryant Young, of Lake Grove, near Oswego, is camped at the fairgrounds. Mrs. Young's father and mother came to the Oregon country in company with Gustavus Hines, noted pioneer. She was only a tiny tot when she was taken to the fair, but she recalls that the trees in the present beautiful grove were mere saplings, and that she particularly enjoyed circus attractions held in connection with the fair. She also remembers that people came via ox team and cart, instead of by train and automobile.

Not very many people know it, but the Oregon state fair had a birthday yesterday. Sixty-six years ago, Oct. 1, the first state fair was held on the north bank of the Clackamas river near the present site of Gladstone. A year later, in 1882, it was moved to Salem, because of the grove of trees which made camping here more desirable. It has been held here every year, except in 1905, when it was held in connection with the Lewis and Clark exposition.

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These decisions were reached after much deliberation by the judges, James Nicol of Portland, J. D. McGuire of Washington, the consulting judges, and Dan E. Clark of Portland, the official judge.

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RECORD CROWD WILL TURN OUT AT FAIR TODAY

Sentiment in Favor of Holding It on Sunday in Future Years One Reason

HORSE SHOW FEATURE

No Deficit Expected in Spite of Light Attendance Due to Bad Weather; Only a Little Below 1926

Fair officials predict that of the largest crowds of the year will visit the state fair today. The big annual show is continuing over Sunday for the first time in history, and the reaction toward making it an annual practice believed to be favorable.

The big feature of the day will be a free afternoon show at 2 p. m. in the stadium. Horse owners agreed to hold their entries over for the additional show which will be one of the best of the week. All concessions will be eliminated except dancing at racing.

Attendance Short
The attendance yesterday was short again, only about 8,000 visiting the show as against 10,000 of last year. The state will probably experience no deficit for the week, however, as already there is a total of \$64,592.57 in the general fund, almost enough now to pay off and break even.

The general fund at this stage last year had \$75,000, but with the receipts for today's attendance added, the difference will be great. The chances are that the fair will pay out with a nice balance in the treasury, besides. Last year a profit of \$12,000 over expenses was shown.

Tabulated figures on Saturday receipts this year and last follow: 1927—Gates, \$3279.50; seat tickets, \$39.75; grandstand, \$30.75; and horse show, \$516.50. Total, \$4192.50. 1926—Gates, \$414.00; seat tickets, \$12.75; grandstand, \$383.00; horse show, \$395.00. Total \$544.75. Deficit, \$12,000.

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FINAL EVENING AT HORSE SHOW

PORTLANDERS TAKE AWAY LARGE NUMBER OF PRIZES

Harvey White Wins Prize in Night in Difficult Driving Contest

A horse show which has attracted lovers of fine horses from the entire northwest came to a thrilling close last night in a stadium at the state fairgrounds. The bulk of the blue ribbon was accorded Portland stable Aaron M. Frank was highly successful, three of his entries, receiving championship awards and two reserve championships.

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W. F. Turner's beautiful Bobbie Hood, a consistent winner in the five-gaited saddle horse event, was entered by Mrs. J. Wheeler.

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