

The Salem District Ought to Have Several Potato Starch Factories, With the Central One and Dexterine Factory in This City Annual Penitentiary Show Excellent Entertainment; Deserves Patronage for Itself and Also Because It Benefits the Inmates

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Weather forecast: Unsettled weather with rains west and snows and rains east portion; slowly rising temperature; strong southwest wind. Maximum temperature, 42; minimum 35; river 5.5, rain traces, atmosphere cloudy, wind southeast.

The number of automobiles is increasing by leaps and bounds and pedestrians are surviving the same way.—Arkansas Gazette.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

CITY ATTORNEY RACE NARROWS DOWN TO TWO

Ray L. Smith and Fred Williams Only Candidates Left in Running

CARL POPE WITHDRAWS

Seven Councilmen Said Lined Up to Support Smith; Livesley Endorsement of Williams Large Factor

With the announcement yesterday by Carl T. Pope that he would not be a candidate for the city attorneyship at the city council election, January 2, the race has narrowed down to two candidates, the incumbent, Fred Williams, and Ray L. Smith, both apparently having an even break.

Pope, in announcing his withdrawal, stated that his private practice would not permit his accepting the position if elected. Last week, he appeared to be receptive when friends urged him to run and defeat Williams. He intimated then, however, that if Smith could show sufficient strength to win out, he would retire in Smith's favor.

But One Vote Lacking
Smith has seven councilmen pledged to his support, it was learned from apparently authoritative sources yesterday. One more vote is needed to swing the election.

A well defined rumor has it that Max Page, member of the firm Keyes and Page, is secretly backing the place.

Page probably will make no official pronouncement of his candidacy, but it is believed that should a deadlock develop in the caucus held just prior to the election, Page's name might be tactfully brought up as a compromise candidate. Page's prominence as an attorney here would count heavily in this event, and it is believed that the mayor would not disfavor his entrance into the ring.

Livesley Backs Williams
The present strong support given by Mayor Livesley to Fred Williams may, somewhat weaken the chances of opposing candidates, particularly if the mayor

MAGRUDER HITS NAVAL METHODS

INEFFICIENCY LAID TO ADMINISTRATION AFFAIRS

Rear Admiral Gives Testimony Before Committee of House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP) A barrage of accusations of inefficiency and waste in naval administration affairs was laid down today around the heads of high naval officers by one of their brothers in command, Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder.

Defending before the house naval committee his recently published articles attacking the navy, Magruder declared that there were too many high officers, that seven navy yards could be abolished and that the navy should have ships built in private yards rather than attempt the construction itself.

Magruder's testimony was prefaced by a clash between members of the committee over whether he should proceed under oath. It was decided finally by a vote of 18 to 9, that he would not be sworn in but not before Chairman Butler had announced that he would resign from the committee before he would "anticipate that this witness won't tell the truth."

The vote came after Representative McClintock, democrat, Oklahoma, had been denied permission to put in the committee record a statement saying that he did not care to participate in any proceedings that might be conducted as a "white wash" and that he recalled in 1924 that Rear Admiral Robinson had no "confidence" in the members of the naval committee in his version of the Teapot Dome lease that photographs were taken and "plashed" on the screen, labeled "Naval committee finds nothing wrong with Teapot Dome lease."

Magruder, who recently was relieved of command of the Philadelphia navy yard, told the committee that the Charleston, S. C. yard should be abolished and that he "had his eye" on the yard at Kitty, Maine, which, he said, was being kept open for submarine

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YANK ACE FETED BY ALL MEXICO

LINDY SAYS RECEPTION BEST EVER ACCORDED HIM

Touches Glass of Champagne to Lips as Courtesy Without Drinkink Any

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President Calles, who hugged the American pilot on his arrival yesterday, put the official seal on the nation's welcome by a half hour conversation with him in his private office. The aviator left Chapultepec palace for an afternoon of sightseeing and other entertainment, to be followed by a fete in his honor arranged by the foreign office at one of the city's largest theaters.

Lindbergh said at his reception: "I have never been so impressed by any of my receptions anywhere as that in Mexico, and I am very grateful for the warmth and spontaneity of the expressions of good will."

The young flier made a series of official visits in the morning after a 12 hour sleep at the American embassy and then went to Valbuena air field to see the famous airplane that carried him from New York to Paris, over virtually the entire United States on a tour and eventually from Washington to Mexico City.

Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow accompanied his youthful guest on the official calls. Several hundred persons gathered at the gates of the American embassy when Colonel Lindbergh and Mr. Morrow left for the foreign office. The crowd shouted "Viva" and Lindbergh responded with his usual quick smile and a wave of his hand. Ambassador Morrow beamed with pleasure.

Throngs Acclaim Hero
As the ambassadorial party proceeded through the decorated streets to the foreign office crowds recognized and acclaimed him. Within a few minutes after arrival at their destination the corridors of the building were packed with spectators who overflowed into the street.

A formal reception for the flier was held in the great salon. Acting Foreign Minister Estrada and prominent members of the foreign

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GROUP AGAINST TOBACCO

Anti-Cigarette League Organized in City of Eugene

EUGENE, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Prohibition of manufacture, export, sale and use of cigarette in Oregon and other states is the aim of an organization which filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk here today. The organization is to be known as the Anti-Cigarette League of Oregon and will maintain its headquarters in Eugene.

The group is planning an amendment to the state constitution through initiative petition. Later it is planned to extend its activities to other states.

Officers of the league are: John B. Perry, Eugene, president; W. J. Williams, Eugene, first vice president; Arthur Charles Bates, Mill City, second vice president; E. M. Patterson, Eugene, secretary; J. Frank Cunningham, St. Helens, assistant secretary; J. Michael Shelley, Junction City, treasurer; E. T. Atchley, Eugene, field representative; Jesse G. Wells is attorney for the organization.

ACTRESS HELD AS THIEF

Twenty-Eight Year Old Trapeze Performer Arrested

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP) —Marie Bara, 28, a trapeze performer, was arrested here today, charged with stealing an automobile from the show room of a Portland automobile agency. With her companion, Al Weber, she was booked on suspicion of having violated the Dyer act. Miss Bara says she purchased the car from another actress. Weber is her chauffeur, she declares.

FLAT DENIALS MADE AGAINST HEARST STORY

Alleged Mexican Documents Branded False At Senate Investigation

DISCREPANCIES DEVELOP

Papers Had Already Been Bought at Time Government Claims to Have Refused Buying Them, Word

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP) —Mexican documents of disputed authenticity, saying that \$1,215,000 had been set aside by the government of Mexico, for payment to Senators Borah, Heflin, LaFollette and Norris, were laid before a senate committee today and were answered immediately with unqualified denials by all of the principals involved.

The documents were submitted by William Randolph Hearst, in whose newspapers they already have been published in part. The publisher told the committee that while he had reason to believe the papers genuine, he had no evidence that any of the money was paid.

Three of the four senators named came before the committee voluntarily and made their denials under oath.

Borah's Denial Sweeping
Borah of Idaho, chairman of the senate committee which deals with international relations, said he never had been approached, either casually, directly, expressly, or impliedly, in any way, shape or form.

Heflin of Alabama declared he had received no money in connection with Mexico, except from ministers. Ku Klux Klansmen and others for expenses of his lectures.

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RICH SEATTLEITE ACCUSED BY GIRL

MEMBER OF PROMINENT FAMILY FACES CHARGES

Sally Whitcomb, Stenographer and Art Student, Names William McCullough

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(AP) —William McCullough, salesman and member of a prominent Seattle family, surrendered late today to face charges preferred by 20 year old Sally Whitcomb, stenographer and art student, who alleged that three young men had kept her a prisoner in a hotel apartment during a two day party, and that one of them had assaulted her after plying her with liquor.

McCullough's surrender followed continuation of the case against Jackson Swisher and Jack Mumford, young club men, who gave themselves up yesterday after the girl had sworn out warrants charging them with a felony. They appeared for arraignment today, but the prosecution announced that Miss Whitcomb, chief witness for the state, had suffered a relapse and was unable to appear in court.

McCullough was released on \$2,500 bail. He declined to discuss the case further than to assert his innocence. Police suspected that he had rented the apartment in which the "party" was staged.

Miss Whitcomb's mother declared her daughter's relapse was aggravated by anonymous threats and demands that she drop the prosecution.

FOOTBALL PLAYER HURT

Ruch, on Bicycle, Struck By Chemawa Man's Car

Willard Ruch, Willamette university football player, suffered a severe head injury last night about 7:30 o'clock, when he collided with an automobile driven by Ira Turner, of Chemawa, on Commercial street near the Marion hotel.

According to Turner's report to the police station, Ruch was cutting corners on the street and did not see the car coming until he was struck and knocked to the pavement. Ruch was taken to the Deaconess hospital where Dr. R. Ross stitched the scalp wound. He was able to leave the hospital after the treatment.

SUBPOENAS SENT OUT

Telegraph Companies Required to Produce Communications

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP) —Subpoenas were issued tonight for all telegraph and cable companies in New York to furnish their messages relating to Mexican government business to the special senate committee investigating charges in Hearst newspapers of a \$1,215,000 fund for four United States senators.

CONSUL GENERAL TAKEN

Thirteen High Russian Officials Arrested in Canton

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A dispatch from Canton says that the Russians arrested by the nationalists there included the consul general and twelve of his staff.

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FICTION WRITER DIES BY POISON

ALLAN PURVIS, 50, DEAD AT LOS ANGELES CITY

Coroner's Office Investigates Cause of Demise; Fiancee Disappears

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP) —An autopsy ordered by the coroner's office tonight revealed poison as the probable cause of the death of Allan Purvis, 50, fiction writer and former divisional superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railway, who was found dying in his hotel room here today.

County Autopsy Surgeon A. F. Wagner, who performed the post-mortem examination, reported that he found poison in the former railroad man's stomach. He said a chemical analysis would be made at once.

According to information obtained by the police, Purvis' death came two weeks before he planned to marry Miss Annette Purcell of San Francisco. The officers said Purvis recently ordered hotel officials to open any mail and telegrams Miss Purcell might send him should he leave the city at any time. The officers were unable to determine what the motive for such an order might have been.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Miss Anita Purcell, 334 Sansome street, San Francisco, said to have been the fiancee of Allan Purvis, fiction writer, who was found dead in Los Angeles today, had not been found at a late hour tonight. At her office, business associates said she had left shortly after noon without saying where she was going.

Friends of Miss Purcell said they had heard nothing of her engagement to Purvis and doubted reports that they intended to be married soon.

DORAN NOTE DISCOVERED

Bottle Purporting to Be From Lost Aviatix Found

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 15.—(AP) —Frederick M. Schlegler, San Jose business man, found a bottle buried in the sand near his duck hunting lodge at the mouth of the Salinas river, last Sunday. In the bottle was the following note: "Loaded near Molokai. (Signed) 'Miss Doran.'"

Miss Mildred Doran left Oakland airport last August in airplane in the Dole flight to Honolulu. The plane was believed to have been lost between Oakland and Honolulu.

TEACHER HURT IN FALL

Miss Creech Injured While Preparing Football Banquet

Slipping on the wet floor of the domestic science room as she went to assist with preparation of the banquet for the football boys, Mrs. Eula S. Creech, head of the home economics department, yesterday noon fell, severely spraining her ankle. Mrs. Creech fainted but recovered shortly after and prepared to go on with her work. A few minutes later, she fainted again, and this time was taken to her home.

Mrs. Creech will not be able to meet her classes for a couple of days, Principal H. F. Durham said last night.

ANOTHER CASE WHERE THE OLD ADAGE DOESN'T WORK

"WHEN THE DOCTORS ASAGREE, THE PATIENT GETS WELL"

NO! NO! NON! NEIN! NIX!!!



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FIRE ORDINANCE EVASION STRUCK IN SPECIAL QUIZ

Proprietors of Buildings Rapped After Report For City Council

PATTON DEMANDS ACTION

Establishments Declared Dangerous Include County Court House, Five Schools and Four Apartments

Evasion of the city ordinance calling for fire escapes on all public buildings more than two stories in height will be curbed, and those proprietors who fail to bring their buildings into conformity with the ordinance when so requested, made liable for prosecution, Alderman Hal Patton, chairman of the building committee, said yesterday, after reading the report of City Engineer Hugh Hagers.

The investigation, which was made by the city engineer at the instigation of Alderman Patton's motion in a council meeting two months ago, and reported on yesterday morning, showed four public school buildings, one parochial school building, four apartment houses, and one public building deficient in fire escape equipment as set forth in the ordinance.

The buildings more than two stories high named in the report were: Garfield school, Englewood school, Richmond school, Highland school, Sacred Heart Academy, Miller apartments, Sundeberg apartments, Glendora apartments, Olympus apartment house.

Two other school buildings, high school and junior high, were included as having fire escapes, but they are only two stories in height, and not out of step with the ordinance.

Just what action, Alderman Patton will propose is not known but City Attorney Williams probably will be instructed to serve notice on the building owners that if corrective action is not taken within a certain stated period, they will be haled into court. The penalty as fixed by the ordinance is a fine of \$100, or not more than 15 days in jail, or both fine and imprisonment.

Dr. H. H. Olinger, chairman of the school board, said last night that he could not state offhand what the situation was at the various schools, but that they have been inspected annually by the state fire marshal and pronounced safe. The matter would be taken up at the next board meeting, he said.

Rumblings of dissatisfaction among members of the planning and zoning commission at the laxity in enforcement of the fire escape ordinance have been heard from time to time, but no definite recommendation has been made to the council. Alderman Patton spoke against the violation in a council meeting two months ago, and it was at that time that the engineer was instructed to investigate.

PROGRESS GREAT SAYS DE KLEINE

NEW HEALTH SUPERVISOR GIVES IMPRESSIONS HERE

Proof of Effective Work By County Child Health Demonstration Cited

"My first ten days' association with the County Health Unit has convinced me that the program of health supervision in Salem and Marion county is as effective as any I have ever known. I doubt that there is any place in the United States that can claim better work in this respect," Dr. William De Kleine, new director of the Marion county child health demonstration, declared yesterday.

"Looking over some of the records of the health department, I find there is abundant proof of effective work. The reduction of diphtheria is an excellent example. In 1925, 250 cases were reported in the entire county, and 50 deaths resulted. In 1927, 44 cases have been reported up to the present time, with only one death. Immunizing children with tooth antiseptic has no doubt been responsible to a large degree for this reduction."

The following table shows:

SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

Philodorian Organization Approaching Half-Century Mark

The oldest continuously existing literary society west of the Rocky mountains, the Philodorian society of Willamette university, will banquet tonight at 8 o'clock at the Leslie Methodist church. Esther Little is manager of the event.

All members of a perfectly-timed dinner will be served. The society in Salem has been invited to attend. Beryl Holt is toastmaster, Grace Elizabeth Smith, assistant attorney general, will be one of the speakers.

The Philodorian society for women was formed nearly 50 years ago, and has been perpetuated since. The brother society, the Philodorian, went out of existence three years ago, when interest in societies dwindled.

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CLOYD HELD NOT GUILTY

Fellow Law Students Look on While Frye Pushes Case

With a gallery full of Willamette law students looking on, J. K. Cloyd was yesterday found not guilty of assault upon Stanley Frye, boxing instructor, prize fight referee and embryonic attorney at law.

The case was tried in justice court before Justice of the Peace Brazier Small, Frye himself doing most of the work for the prosecution.

Cloyd was first haled into court Monday, following a hand to hand argument with Frye Sunday afternoon, in which Frye managed to produce a discoloration on his adversary's eye but nevertheless fled when he concluded that Cloyd was about to use a knife.

Up to a late hour last night no announcement had been made as to the fate of Cloyd's photograph, playing of which precipitated the argument Sunday afternoon.

WILL PICK MATCHMAKER

Boxing Commission to Meet; Plans to Enter Hospital

The Salem Boxing commission will meet today noon to choose a matchmaker to take charge of the next boxing card which will be staged some time after the first of the year.

Harry Plant, the present promoter, is planning to enter the Veterans hospital in Portland for an operation, and he will be unable to take up his work actively for nearly a month.

The commission has made definite arrangements for the Grand theatre in which to put on the next card.