

The Governor has Announced a State Building Code Committee and Salem Committee for Same Purpose Promises Action Promising Outlook for Fox Industry in Willamette Valley as Well as all Over Oregon Noted at State Meeting Here Friday

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Weather forecast: Unsettled with rains in west portion; normal temperatures; increasing south winds on the coast becoming gales by night. Maximum temperature yesterday 60, minimum 42, river 12.9, rainfall .18, atmosphere cloudy, wind northeast.

A motherly Topeka woman, while knitting at her home the other night, burned a big hole in the carpet when she dropped some ashes from her cigarette.—Topeka Journal.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 7, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

OPEN CAMPAIGN TO END THEFTS AT FOX FARMS

Reward Offered By State Association For Arrest, Conviction

PROBLEMS TALKED HERE

Industry Firmly Established with Prices for Pelts at Highest Mark in Years; Methods Discussed

Plans which they hope will prove a deterring influence to potential fox thieves, were launched here Friday by the Oregon State Fox Breeders association in its winter meeting, when at the afternoon session the members voted to offer a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of any person who has stolen foxes from a member of the association.

Commercial fox farms have just begun to attract the attention of thieves, it was declared, the great value of the furs proving a temptation.

Will Post Warning In addition to participating in the united plan of protection, the members will post signs stating that they are members of the association and that they are thus protected, it was decided.

The meeting here Friday was the mid-winter session of the association, and no election was held, this coming at the summer meeting. The attendance was good, but was lighter than it should have been except for the steady conditions which prevailed all over the state in the last few weeks.

Chamber Welcomes In the absence of George F. Vick, president of the Salem chamber of commerce, that organization and the city of Salem were represented by E. A. Rhoten in the address of welcome.

He assured the visitors that Salem and particularly the chamber of commerce members are vitally interested in this industry as in all others that will benefit the Salem vicinity or any other coast region. The fox industry, said Mr. Rhoten, is becoming a staple industry and has passed the "boom" period.

"We are glad to have you men and women here representing this industry and we are willing to do whatever we can to make this

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WALSH DEMANDS 2ND CONFESSION

LAWYER FOR "FOX" SAYS PAPERS KEPT SECRET

District Attorney's Office Refuses To Confirm or Deny Accusation As Made

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Jerome Walsh, attorney for William E. Hickman today made formal demand upon District Attorney Asa Keys that a purported second confession made by Hickman concerning the kidnaping and killing of the school girl Marian Parker, be delivered to him.

The Kansas City attorney said Keys had obtained a second confession during the trip to Los Angeles from Pendleton, Ore., near where Hickman was captured, and was keeping it secret. The second document was supposed to contain Hickman's motives for the alleged killing and mutilating of the body of the little girl.

The demand was refused by Harold L. Davis, chief deputy district attorney, speaking for Keys. Davis refused either to confirm or to deny the existence of the second confession, whereupon Walsh stated he would appeal to the courts to compel the delivery of the document so that it could be given over to alienists. Hickman pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to the indictment charging the kidnaping and murder of the 13 year old Parker girl.

Davis declared there was no law that would force a district attorney to turn over his evidence to the defense and indicated a policy not to permit any evidence in the Hickman case to reach the defense attorneys.

The much discussed question of whether Hickman had any accomplices in the kidnaping and murder came up again when a railway employe is understood to have told the grand jury that he saw Hickman and another railway worker

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FIRE ORDINANCE MAY BE REVISED

SCHOOLS HERE SAFE, SAYS STATE MARSHAL

County Also Objecting to Installation of Escapes; Others Comply

With the state fire marshal declaring school buildings in the city safe even though they are not equipped with fire escapes, and the county commissioners ill disposed to put escapes on the court house, it may be necessary to revise the ordinance governing these points, it was indicated yesterday by Hal Patton, chairman of the building committee.

Mr. Patton declared that either the ordinance would be enforced to the letter, or it would be changed.

Owners of buildings still have a month to qualify with the ordinance in accordance with the action taken at a recent council meeting. At least two of the apartment house operators have stated that the matter would be promptly attended to, but the school board has not held a meeting since the city engineer made his report on deficient structures.

Most of the school buildings named in the report, the Garfield, Englewood, Richmond, and Highland have inside slides which are said to meet with the sanction of the fire marshal for quick exits in case of fire, but the ordinance makes necessary outside ladders constructed of iron or steel not less than 18 inches in width.

Alderman Patton and Dancy recently visited the Sacred Heart academy for a fire drill demonstration. The building was entirely emptied of pupils in 45 seconds. This was one of the buildings named in the engineer's report.

REMOVE 4 MORE BODIES

Total of Seven Corpses Now Taken Out of Sunken Sub

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Four more bodies were recovered from the sunken submarine S-4 off Provincetown late today the navy yard here was informed by radio from the salvage fleet.

The bodies were removed from the submarine by divers and transferred to the destroyer Maury which was ordered to bring them to the navy yard here for transfer to the Chelsea naval hospital where they will be identified.

The four bodies recovered today brings the total recovered to seven. Three were removed from the engine room of the submarine Wednesday afternoon.

STUDENTS AID PROGRAM

"Willamette Night" Observed at Elsinore; Yells Given

The Elsinore theater took on an ultra-collegiate atmosphere last night when most of the downstairs seats were occupied by Willamette university students observing "Willamette night" at the theater.

In addition to Buster Keaton's comedy feature "College," the program included numbers by the Willamette glee club and quartet, a stunt staged by the Willamette Cubs, and songs and yells by the students.

LAD DIES STEALING RIDE

17 Year Old Portland Youth Boards 1 Man Street Car

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Robert Cressy, 17, was killed when he and two other lads attempted to "steal" a ride on a one man street car here tonight. The accident occurred when the one man car was side-swiped by a two car train as they were passing a switch. Cressy had been standing on the rear step, out of sight of the motorman. His head was crushed when he was caught between the passing cars.

Thurlow Wing, 11, Cressy's companion, suffered a crushed hip. Henry Wing, 8, Thurlow's brother, leaped and was uninjured.

JONES REFUSES \$50,000

Valuable Residence Not Taken as Gift By Golf Champ

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Acceptance of a \$50,000 residence by Bobby Jones from his home town address in Atlanta in no way violated his amateur golf status, the United States Golf association announced here today. At the same time Jones gave out a statement that he would decline the proposed gift.

EVERY EFFORT MADE TO SAVE SAILORS, WORD

Complete Story of Rescue Work Given Before S-4 Board of Inquiry

ACCOUNT DRAMATIC ONE

Lieutenant Commander Edward Ellsberg Presents Long Narrative; Severe Weather Blamed For Deaths

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Everything humanly possible was done to rescue six men imprisoned in the torpedo room of the sunken submarine S-4, but the elements prevented it, Lieutenant Edward Ellsberg, who returned to the navy from retirement to aid in the rescue, told the naval court of inquiry investigating the disaster today.

In a dramatic story which sketched the entire series of efforts to bring succor to men dying slowly within the submarine's hull, Commander Ellsberg declared that rescue vessels reached the scene of the disaster off Provincetown as quickly as possible and divers worked under almost impossible conditions but without avail.

Divers' Work Hazardous "It appeared to me that the conditions under which the divers went down to the wreck on the day following the collision were not those under which diving should have been attempted," he said.

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WATER FILLS SCHOONER

Hold of Ill Fated North Bend Entered by Waves

ILLWACO, Wash., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Held fast on the treacherous, moving sands of Peacock Spit, the four masted schooner North Bend tonight held five feet of water in her hold and was filling slowly. She had sprung a leak earlier in the day. The North Bend piled up on Peacock Spit yesterday when she was becalmed off the Columbia river.

Today she had moved sixty feet on the shifting sands, pounded by heavy breakers, and was lying in a mass of driftwood.

Definite plans for salvage were not revealed tonight. Her crew was saved.

MAGNATE DEFIES SINISTER THREAT

CLARENCE SAUNDERS OFFERS REWARD FOR WRITERS

Perpetrators Promise "Most Brutal Crime Ever Committed" If \$5500 Not Given

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Warned in a letter today that "the most brutal crime ever committed" would result if he failed to leave \$5,500 in a secluded spot tonight, Clarence Saunders, chain grocery store magnate, defied the perpetrators, who signed themselves "The Three Ghostmen" to attempt to carry out their threat.

"Put it in the paper that I will not have any body guard, and if they want to take a shot at me let them try," was the succinct challenge hurled by Saunders, who four years ago, gained national prominence in his sensational Wall Street battle to protect from a "bear" raid shares of the Piggy Wiggly Stores corporation, of which he was president.

Instead of paying the money demanded, Saunders offered a \$1,000 reward for arrest of the writers of the letter.

Police announced tonight that they had uncovered clues that likely would lead to the arrest shortly of one or more of the "ghostmen," but the nature of clues was not revealed.

"This is the only notice that we will give you," read the letter, which was neatly typewritten and correctly punctuated. It then directed that the money be left under a railroad trestle, be placed there by Saunders and be in old \$100 bills. He was warned that if he notified the police, it would mean "disaster for you and your whole family."

REMUS ENTERS ASYLUM

King of Bootleggers Committed To State Hospital

LIMA, Ohio, Jan. 6.—(AP)—George Remus, former "king of bootleggers" entered the state hospital for the insane here tonight upon commitment papers from Cincinnati, Hamilton county, where a jury several weeks ago found him not guilty of the slaying of his wife, Imogene, on the ground of insanity.

Remus' decision to begin his confinement, however, does not indicate that he has given up his fight against the ruling of the Hamilton county probate court, holding him insane, his counsel said.

Instead, he has engaged two more attorneys, Francis W. Durbin and D. C. Anderson, of Lima, to aid his counsel, Charles Elston in what promises to be a bitter battle to secure his outright release from confinement in the asylum.

HINT DOCUMENTS FORGED BY AVILA

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE POINTS TO PEDDLER

Same Peculiar Mistake Made by Mexican as Found in Papers as Printed by Hearst

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—An "unusual" mistake found in Mexican documents published in Hearst newspapers, described again today as forgeries has been made by Miguel Avila, procurer of the papers, in correspondence especially written by him by request, the senate committee examining the authenticity of the documents today was informed.

Carlos Cusachs, former naval intelligence officer and at one time a Spanish professor at Harvard university and the naval academy, told the committee that of the 86 misspelled words in the Mexican documents and more than 300 punctuation errors, one in particular was "very singular." He said that the word "usted" had been abbreviated always as "Ud" followed by a comma instead of a period. Cusachs, who has assisted the committee throughout its inquiry said he asked Avila to type some letters and this abbreviation was made by him in exactly the same manner as appeared in the documents.

Avila, the swarthy skinned son of a Mexican father and Italian mother, listened intently as Chairman Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, of the committee, inquired if that mistake was very unusual.

"It is a most uncommon error," Cusachs replied.

"It is an international practice to place a period after abbreviations. This comma after the word 'ud,' appeared throughout the papers. Mr. Avila used the comma in letters he wrote from my dictation."

Another error described in the documents by Cusachs was made today by John Page, a Hearst reporter, who worked with Avila in procuring the papers. Cusachs said the so-called official stamp on some of the papers, indicating they had been delivered in the "diplomatic pouch" was spelled "ba-

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WILL INTRODUCE HEADS

New Chamber of Commerce Officers on Monday Program

Introduction of the newly elected officers and directors of the Salem-chamber of commerce will be the principal business of the chamber luncheon next Monday, it has been announced, George F. Vick, recently elected president, will preside.

Six of the eleven directors who recently took office have never served on the board before. Monday's luncheon will be the first in three weeks as they have been discontinued during the holiday period.

GEN. LEJEUNE TO TAKE FIELD LEADING YANKS

Commander in Chief of Marine Corps Will Sail For South Monday

ALARMED AT SITUATION

Sudden Decision Announced By Old Campaigner Late Yesterday After Reports From Men in Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Marine reinforcements recently ordered to Nicaragua will be led to that strife-torn little republic by their commander-in-chief, Major General John A. Lejeune. He plans to spend two weeks sizing up the situation there.

Aroused at reports of casualties among the marines in their efforts to run to earth the outlaw general, Augustino Sandino, and at word received at the navy department today from marine officers in Nicaragua that two marine deserters were training Sandino's men, General Lejeune, himself an old campaigner, announced unexpectedly late today that he would embark on Monday for Corinto.

Sails From Charleston Under present plans, he will sail from Charleston, S. C., on the light cruiser Trenton, which will carry also a part of the reinforcement detachment. The Trenton will pass through the Panama Canal and thence to Corinto on the west coast. General Lejeune said that after spending two weeks in Nicaragua, he would return to the United States, entering the country at San Diego, the marine base on the Pacific coast.

General Lejeune's sudden decision to look into the Nicaraguan situation personally was not expected to involve any change in orders to Brigadier General Logan Feland, who has been instructed to assume command in Nicaragua. General Feland, who was at the head of the marine forces when

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HANG YOUNG MURDERER

Floyd Hewitt, 17, Pays Extreme Penalty at Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Calm and silent to the last, Floyd Hewitt, 17, slayer of Mrs. Fred Brown and her 5 year old son at Conneaut, went to his death in the electric chair at Ohio penitentiary tonight.

Hewitt, the youngest Ohio murderer to pay the supreme penalty by electrocution was a bedraggled figure as he was led into the death chamber, his long black hair hanging low over his face.

Not a word came from him, nor did he show any sign of emotion after a first startled look when he stepped into the room. The current was turned on at 7:41 p. m. and two minutes later he was pronounced dead.

READY TO BEGIN WORK

Chairman of Building Code Committee Not Yet Notified

Alderman Carl O. Engstrom is ready to begin work on the proposed new building code with his committee, as soon as he receives official notification from Mayor Livesley of his appointment to the chairmanship, he said last night.

Mayor Livesley announced ten days ago that he had appointed Engstrom as chairman, with Alderman Armpriest and Thompson of the council, W. M. Hamilton, of the Portland Electric power company, and W. C. Dyer, a local insurance man.

Building codes from Portland, Sacramento and other Pacific coast cities will be secured to serve as a basis for working out the local code.

SLEEP LASTS 100 HOURS

Doctors Unable to Awaken Mrs. Nora Anderson, Seattle

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Nora Anderson, 36 year old Seattle housewife tonight had been in a heavy slumber for more than 100 hours. A score of physicians called in to confer were unable to diagnose the case. All known methods to wake the sleeping woman had been attempted without success, they said.

LINDY RECEIVES MEDAL, DIPLOMA

HONORS GIVEN YANKEE AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL

Congress of Nicaragua Meets With President to Greet American Flying Ace

MANAGUA, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Before a distinguished audience that crowded the legislative chamber of the national palace, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh today received from the congress of Nicaragua in joint session a diploma of "valor" and a medal of "merit and honor."

Sitting to the right of President Adolfo Diaz and facing all the members of both the senate and chamber and diplomatic and church dignitaries, he was told by General Alfonso Estrada, chief of staff, who opened the ceremonies, that he was "a true knight of the air" and that he had "honored Nicaragua and this chamber" by his presence. Addressing himself entirely to Colonel Lindbergh, General Estrada said:

"An official decree was issued and newly signed by the president in which a national holiday was proclaimed on the day of your arrival. You have honored Nicaragua and this chamber by your presence and we wish to present to you our admiration. To the knight of the air, as you are called throughout the world, I wish to present in behalf of the nation a diploma and medal which will always commemorate your visit to Nicaragua."

The vast hall resounded with cheering while the Nicaraguan national band played the Star Spangled Banner and the Nicaraguan national anthem, as the general concluded and President Diaz handed Lindbergh the diploma and pinned the medal on his coat, responding, Colonel Lindbergh said: "Mr. President and members of the congress, I want to thank you for myself and for my country for the honor which you have done me here today. I cannot express to you how deeply I appreciate this honor but I wish to say that my visit here is one of the most pleasant which I have experienced and never will be forgotten. I want to thank you for the honors you have given me and I hope in the near future there will be many more flights between the United States and Central America."

Colonel Lindbergh left the chamber on the arm of President Diaz, amidst a tremendous ovation.

LAND GRANT CASE SOON

Arguments in State's Appeal to Be Heard January 27

Arguments in the suit filed by Sam A. Koser, as secretary of state, to compel Marion county to pay to the state of Oregon a part of the Oregon & California railroad land grant tax refund, will be heard by the supreme court January 27.

The case originally was heard by Judge L. H. McMahan of the Marion county circuit court, who held for Marion county. The state then appealed to the supreme court.

Attorneys said the final decree in the suit would affect all of the 18 Oregon counties which received the land grant tax refunds from the federal government. The state contends that it is entitled to approximately \$1,600,000 of the \$6,000,000 received by the land grant counties.

The state claims that it is entitled to receive an amount of money from the refund equal to the amount it would have received in taxes from the counties had the lands involved in the railroad grant remained on the tax rolls.

The land grant tax refund was authorized under an act approved by congress three years ago.

HERMIT BURNS TO DEATH

35 Year Old Vancouver, Wash., Recluse Dies in Dugout

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Trapped in a tiny dugout in which he had lived for two years, Lorenz Fahl, 35, was burned to death last night.

A recluse, Fahl had tunneled under a hollow stump, excavated a small "nest" in which he could sleep, and stretched a piece of canvas over the stump to exclude the rain.

Last night while he slept the canvas caught fire, and he was overcome by smoke before he could escape. He was found today lying face downward with his head thrust into an opening where a root of the stump had previously been burned out.

He was said to have a brother and sister somewhere in Oregon. The dugout is near Vancouver Junction.

INTERMEDIATE OREGON COURT NEW PROPOSAL

Plans Made To Relieve Congestion in State Supreme Judicial Body

THREE JUDGES WANTED

Group Would Travel About to Hear Appeals; Increase in Volume of Legal Business Cited as Reason

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Movement toward the creation of an intermediate court of appeals for Oregon was started here today at the annual meeting of the State Judicial Council. Such a court was suggested in a text of a proposed legislative enactment offered by Circuit Judge Wilson of The Dalles and entailed a lengthy discussion.

The proposal for the creation of this court is intended to relieve the supreme court of Oregon of its present congestion, having in view, it was emphasized, that the supreme court is to remain the court of last resort. The discussion resulted in the judicial council providing that Chief Justice Rand, who presided at the meeting today, to name a committee of five to investigate the results of similar courts of appeals, in other states, as to the relief afforded congestion in the higher court, and to report its findings to the state judicial council at another meeting to be held during the current year.

Three Judges Planned If it is finally decided to ask the next legislature to create such a court for Oregon, it was planned that the court of appeals is to be composed of three judges to be appointed first by the governor and subsequently to be elected by the people. The court of appeals would have jurisdiction in appeals involving criminal cases where there are misdemeanor charges, in civil cases up to \$2,000, and in all divorce cases.

It was proposed that the court would travel to the principal cities of the state where appeals could be heard from tributary counties. In any case where the constitutionality of a statute is involved the court of appeals would certify this to the supreme court.

The court of appeals was proposed from the fact that litigation in Oregon is increasing at a rapid rate.

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BUILDING CODE GROUP TO MEET

COMMITTEE OF 12 APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR

Entrusted With Task of Drafting Regulations for Proposed Law

The first meeting of the newly constituted state building code committee, the membership of which was announced Friday by Governor Patterson, will be held in the executive department at the state house January 19. The committee includes 13 members. Its appointment was authorized at the last session of the legislature.

The members of the committee, together with the organizations or political subdivisions of government they represent, follow:

A. M. Collier, Klamath Falls, representing the state legislature; D. I. Stoddard, Joseph, citizen at large from eastern Oregon; A. C. Dixon, Eugene, citizen at large from southern Oregon; Ben T. Osborne, Portland, Oregon state federation of labor; Carl M. Steinger, Portland, associated general contractors of America; O. R. Bean, Portland, American institute of architects; H. E. Plummer, Portland, Oregon technical council.

R. E. Cushman, Portland, Oregon building congress; A. C. Cammack, Portland, Oregon league of building and loan and savings and loan associations; Frank B. Upshaw, Portland, Pacific Northwest real estate association; Fred B. Weber, Portland, Oregon insurance vating bureau; C. E. Cowdin, Portland, Oregon manufacturers association, and Dr. W. B. Morse, Salem, state board of health.

The duties of the committee shall consist of drafting a state building code to be submitted to the legislature at its next session. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation.

