

BLAZE STARTS IN LODGE HALL

Siren Fails to Function; Several Stocks of Goods Damaged

The most disastrous fire in years swept through Dallas early Friday morning leaving in its wake a total loss estimated between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and causing, from the shock of the fire, the death of Johnson Richter, 66, for the past 22 years deputy sheriff of Polk county and a well-known resident of the community.

The blaze is thought to have started in the kitchen of the I. O. O. F. hall, following a meeting held there the evening before. Tony Neufeldt, chief of police, discovered the fire shortly after 1:30 a. m. but the failure of the fire siren to function necessitated Neufeldt driving his motorcycle about town using the siren constantly to awaken the citizens.

Lodge Hall Gutted
The interior of the I. O. O. F. hall was gutted by the flames, the floor of the room dropping through into the Retzer jewelry store which was located below the hall. The Bee Hive store, the Blue Garden confectionery and the Groceries, all adjacent to the hall, were considerably damaged by the smoke and water. The Finest drygoods stock was also damaged by water.

The proprietor of the Bee Hive store estimated his loss at \$15,000 to \$20,000 Friday afternoon, the amount being covered by insurance.

The Finest stock was damaged to a similar amount. Loss in the Retzer's jewelry store was undetermined although the damage was largely from water.

Richter Active in Lodge
Mr. Richter's death occurred after he had been awakened by the siren. He arose, came from his bedroom and inquired where the fire was. When told that it was in the I. O. O. F. hall, he walked back to his bedroom and dropped dead. For some time Richter had been subject to heart trouble. It is thought that the knowledge that the lodge hall, where he had spent much time, was burning hurried his death.

Funeral Arrangements
Funeral arrangements had not been completed for Richter late Friday afternoon.

STUDENT OPERETTA EFFECTIVELY GIVEN

Salem school students under the direction of Miss Lena Belle Tartar, presented the pastoral operetta, "Rosamunde" to a well filled, enthusiastic audience Friday night in the high school auditorium.

During the chorus numbers 40 youthful voices sang the lovely melody of Schubert's music with surprising control and interpretation. The solo work as well showed unusual development. A special number of beauty and greatly appreciated by the audience was the solo ballad number by Elizabeth Waters. The Dance of the Shepherds also received much praise.

The dramatic personae for the operetta were Homer Smith, Kenneth Abbott, Richard Smart, Fritz Amann, Joe King, William Masher, John Evans, Hope Raymond, Lucile Downing and Elizabeth Clement.

The staging effects were very well done although the stage was too small to allow full range for the action of the play. The costuming was very pleasing and effective.

Washington May Abolish State Superintendent

OLYMPIA, March 1.—(AP)—The senate passed the Sutton resolution today providing for the submission to the electors in 1930 of an amendment abolishing the office of superintendent of public instruction, the office to be taken over by the state board of education.

The Hurn bill, calling for the selection of a site for a women's reformatory, was defeated by motion, the vote by which the bill reappointment bill was defeated was reconsidered and will be carried over as special business Monday.

Facts "Not Worth Remembering" About the Legislature

House bills that will not be introduced at this session for various reasons:

H. B. 987654, by LaFollett, making it unlawful for Mul- biad, making it unlawful for sergeant-at-arms or any other person or persons to tamper with clocks on Saturday, March 2, in either senate or house chamber at state-house.

H. B. 987655, by LaFollett, making it unlawful for Mult-nomah delegation to persuade members to override governor's veto on salary measures.

H. B. 23884756, by committee on health and public morals, requiring that Salem water be served to all members of the legislature.

H. B. 23234455, by Lockwood, Winslow, Robison Peters, and Metaker, prohibiting the members introducing this measure from taking any part in debate on fish legislation.

Not only should the following statistics not be remembered, but the quicker they are forgotten the better for all concerned:

Total pay received by each legislator	\$120
Total expense money	\$235
Total	\$345

Expenses of each legislator:

Hotel, at \$8 per day	\$147
Meals, three per day at average of \$4 each	147
Miscellaneous, cigars, etc. \$1 per day	50
Total cost to member	\$797
Amount donated to state by each member	\$452

*This arises from zero, for farmers who are unable to make a profit due to high taxes, to attorneys who make as much as \$10,000 per year. Figure above is average.

Washington Society Waits Eagerly For New Leaders

By MARGUERITE YOUNG Associated Press Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—(AP)—Social leaders of the nation's capital and others close enough to feel the spell of the charmed circle are eagerly and wistfully scanning the announced list of Herbert Hoover's cabinet.

For the new social regime beginning Monday—a reign as real in responsibilities and privileges as any political administration—will bring four more or less new faces into the honored places of cabinet ladies; but it will take away five and probably seven, long-loved hostesses.

Mrs. Stimson Known
There is no necessity for Washington to speculate about the wife of the new secretary of state, Mrs. Henry L. Stimson, of New York and the Philippines, made her place in the hearts of the capital's elite while Mr. Stimson was President Taft's war secretary. She was widely known here both during and before that residence.

A senator's wife—Mrs. Bruce of Maryland—comes to mind with the second name on the list of portfolios. Secretary Mellon of the treasury, who will continue in his post, has had no official hostess, nor is he likely to have one during the next four years. But frequently in the past, and as recently as at his dinner this week for Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg, he has invited Mrs. Bruce, who is the mother-in-law of his daughter, to preside at his functions. He probably will continue this practice.

Mrs. Good's Status Changes
With the assumption of the role of hostess for the secretary of war by Mr. James W. Good, of Iowa, Washington society will have watched her move from her old

FAST SERVICE GIVEN ON HOOVER PHOTOS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—(AP)—Less than one hour after they are dropped from the army corps planes in Washington, flash-light pictures, showing preparations for the inauguration of Herbert Hoover, will be ready for distribution to Pacific coast news channels in San Francisco.

The photographs, snapped by means of new devices on the army planes, will be sent from coast to coast over the wires of the American Telephone and Telegraph company to the hundreds of newspapers and news services free of charge by the army.

San Francisco will be the distributing point for the Pacific northwest, while Los Angeles will send the photographs throughout the southern territory.

Bandit Uses Note And Pistol to Get \$2000 from Bank

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 1.—(AP)—Police are asking tonight if "billet bank bandit" is getting to be a racket. For the third time in a week a silent bandit walked into a bank here today and handed the teller a note. It read: "Keep still or get shot. Hand over \$2000. I need it."

Dan McGuire, teller, handed over the money. The bandit put it in his pocket, bowed, ran out of the Security Trust and Savings bank, jumped in a car and drove away, not a word was spoken.

Very fittingly did the lady member of the house defend and support S. B. 200 when it came up for final passage in the house today. This measure related to the practice of "cosmetic therapy," which may mean almost anything as long as it has to do with beautifying faces. Mrs. Lee is all for more competent beautifiers, and over the money. The bandit put it in his pocket, bowed, ran out of the Security Trust and Savings bank, jumped in a car and drove away, not a word was spoken.

SENATE BACKS ONE CENT TAX

Solons Turn Down Bill For Creation of Public Works Department

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would work to the advantage of the parents who are furnishing the money with which to purchase textbooks.

Senator Moser said if there was a disposition on the part of the senate to kill the bill without giving it fair consideration, it should be referred to the educational committee with instructions to remove the objectionable feature.

The senate sustained Governor Patterson's veto of a bill passed at the 1927 legislative session, authorizing the state superintendent of banks to collect additional fees for examinations. Senator Corbett explained that the matter contained in the veto bill had been included in a law enacted at this legislative session. He urged that the senators vote to sustain the veto of the governor.

Accident Commission Will Get Attorney
Approval was given a bill by the committee on judiciary authorizing the governor to appoint an attorney for the state industrial accident commission, and fix his annual compensation.

The senate indefinitely postponed a memorial by Representative Wilkes providing for the ultimate adoption of a 13 months calendar year.

A house bill by the food and dairy committee providing for the regulation, production, sale and distribution of market or fluid milk and cream also was indefinitely postponed.

The senate adopted a resolution by Representative Childs providing for the appointment of a committee to study ways and means of insuring an ample supply of fish for both the commercial and sport fishing. The committee will report at the 1931 legislative session.

A resolution by Representative Angell commending the services of the trail-seekers council in preserving historic places and directing the highway commission to extend money for a tablet commemorating Lieutenant Broughton also received favorable consideration.

FISHING INTERESTS' CAMPAIGN FAILURE

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scarcely a ripple as they passed through the house.

Important measures acted on favorably by the house during the long day included H. B. 274, which provides \$50,000 for an infirmary at the University of Oregon; S. B. 193, the "gasoline cowboy" measure designed to stop stealing of cattle; S. B. 245, which provides \$30,000 for an infirmary at Cottage Grove; S. B. 136, loaning \$100,000 to the state fair association for a new grand stand for the fair; S. B. 240, making it a felony to drive an automobile while intoxicated, and providing drastic penalties for so doing; and senate bills 241 and 251, refunding auto licenses in case of accidental destruction and removal from state.

"Gasoline Cowboy" Measure Passes
Senate Bill 193, sponsored by

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Mystery Cleared as to Identity of New Secretary of Agriculture

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upon official advice until finally even the most seasoned of the politicians and Washington correspondents were almost ready to give up out of sheer mental exhaustion.

The guessing reached a climax in a rather unusual scene in the Hoover headquarters at the Mayflower hotel. George Akerson, secretary to the next president, sat in a smoke-filled room, surrounded by half a hundred veteran Washington newspapermen who had been told if they guessed right there would be no denial.

Akerson Says No To Each Question
Wearing his ever-ready smile, the heavy set, grey-haired secretary, himself a former newspaperman, answered "No" each time as dozens of names were fired at him, among them that of Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, who was a caller during the day at the Hoover home; A. W. Shaw, of Chicago; Gradus Huston, of New York, a former assistant secretary of commerce, and others of equal prominence.

Finally he was asked if the agriculture secretary was from the west and the commerce secretary was from the south.

"I'm giving you the whole country from which to pick," he replied.

Some of the correspondents who thought they had better guesses than the others submitted names written on sheets of paper, but each was quickly vetoed and finally the conference dissolved apparently by the mutual consent of the correspondents.

Other Eight Verified Are All Verified
One concrete development was confirmation that the eight men whose names have been published daily for two days will be members of the Hoover cabinet. They are:

Secretary of state, Henry L. Stimson, of New York.
Secretary of the treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, of Pennsylvania.
Secretary of war, James W. Good, of Iowa.
Attorney-General, William D. Mitchell, of Minnesota.
Postmaster-General, Walter F. Brown, of Ohio.
Secretary of the navy, Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts.
Secretary of interior, Dr. Ray

SOUTHERN DEATHS IN FLOOD TOTAL 9

ATLANTA, March 1.—(AP)—As flood waters began to recede in southern Georgia, Alabama and northwestern Florida today, Georgia's death list for three days stood at nine known fatalities and missing and believed dead. No fatalities were reported in other states. The extensive damage to highways, bridges, lowland farms and manufacturing plants was still unestimated.

About 200 automobiles filled with flight fans en route north from the Sharkey-Stribling bout at Miami Beach, were held by washouts on the Dixie highway.

Alabama lowlands remained under water in the Montgomery area and conditions were the worst in south Georgia since the flood of 1925.

Dad, 100, Spanks His Young Son of 69 Very Severely

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 1.—(AP)—Nathaniel Ward celebrated his 100th year on this earth by spanking his son, Frank, 69, here today.

The centenarian was unwrapping his anniversary gifts when he came upon an old-fashioned maitache cup. Ward insists that although he may be aged he has modern ideas.

"Who did this?" he demanded. "Frank, come here, you young rascal!"
Frank, wearing a guilty look, came and his father bent him over his knee, removed one of his bedroom slippers and administered the spanking.

MA KENNEDY HELPS IN HARDY INQUIRY

Portland, March 1.—(AP)—

Lyman Wilbur, of California. Secretary of labor, James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania.

While the guessing contest as to the men who have been selected for the agriculture and commerce portfolios was in progress, the president-elect, freed from the cares of immediate problems, was enjoying a long automobile ride in the nearby country in company with Mrs. Hoover and Hugh Gibson, ambassador to Belgium, who, with Dwight Davis, secretary of war, and Miss Davis, was a luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover.

HOOVER ALL READY FOR INAUGURATION

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover sat in the quiet seclusion of his 33rd street home tonight free from the noise and tumult of thousands pouring into the city to witness his inauguration on Monday as the 31st president of the United States.

A few blocks away, with the echoes of farewells still in his ears, Calvin Coolidge was spending one of his last nights in surroundings familiar in years which had visited sadness as well as happiness upon him.

At the Capitol today Charles G. Dawes rapped occasionally for order in the senate and Charles Curtis of Kansas who will succeed him as vice-president, faced him from the floor, Dawes occupying the presiding officer's chair and Curtis remaining until the end of the session as leader of the republican forces.

LEADER OF YANKS' KIDNAPERS IS SLAIN

MEXICO CITY, March 1.—(AP)—Federal troops operating in the state of Guanajuato in a battle with the bandit gang alleged to have kidnaped and slain J. M. Underwood and G. C. Alenhorpe, American mining engineers last week, killed the chief of the gang, his lieutenant, and seven followers.

The leader's name was given as Candelario Villegas, and that of his lieutenant as Magdaleno Bara. In the report of the federal commander to President Portes Gil tonight, the dead brought the total number killed in retaliation for the slaying of the two Americans to 26, sixteen having been killed in previous battles with the federals.

DRY KILN BLAZE Damage is \$5000 At Silver Falls

SILVERTON, Ore., Mar. 1.—(Special)—

Five thousand dollars damage was done when fire destroyed the roof and part of the walls and contents of a double dry kiln at Silver Falls at about 8 a. m. today. The flames for a time threatened nearby kilns, but further damage was averted by the local fire department with the aid of apparatus that had been purchased recently.

The blaze is believed to have been caused by an overheated drying chamber. There was 60,000 feet of clear lumber in the kiln at the time, and much of it was damaged.

WAVES SWAMP TOWN TOKYO, March 1.—(AP)—High waves due to a severe storm have done much damage along the coast near Choshi, 70 miles east of here. Although mud and water entered several villages there were no casualties.

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Mouse Bites Off Head of Match; Blaze is Result

An injudicious mouse, careless as to what he devoured, is believed to have caused a fire in the attic of the H. Glosy home, 1110 Lee street, Friday night. The mouse, according to the theory advanced, bit the end of a match and started the fire in a box of inflammable matches in the attic. The damage was slight, firemen reported.

Pistol Used as Youth Throws Stick at Auto

MARSHFIELD, March 1.—(AP)—Oscar Olson, 28, was in the city jail tonight facing a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, and Ray Lane was suffering a bullet wound in his arm following a shooting here late today. Olson, police said, confessed shooting Lane when he threw a stick of wood through his auto windshield.