

DETECTIVE AND GANGSTER ARE KILLED IN DUEL

Frank McErlane, Chicago's 'Toughest,' Also is Believed Murdered

Joseph Fallon, Ex-Convict, Slain by Officer John Ryan in Battle

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Frank McErlane, known as Chicago's toughest gangster, was wounded, probably fatally, tonight by three assailants as he lay on a cot in a hospital room. McErlane, who entered the hospital as "Charles Miller," a soap salesman, fired back at his assailants as they fled down a fire escape. McErlane, who was being treated for bullet wounds in his leg, was wounded three times in the firing. One shot entered his back, another in the right wrist and a third in the right thigh. Hospital authorities said his wounds would probably be fatal.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A detective gave his life in Chicago's fight on crime today, but not before he had sent three bullets into the body of his assailant, wounding the latter fatally.

The detective, John J. Ryan, was slain as he struggled with Joseph Fallon, ex-convict, under indictment for robbery. Fallon fled in a taxi after the shooting, but on the cab driver's directions, he was located in a west side apartment late today. The man was too weak to resist and was taken to the jail hospital, where he died tonight.

Another death was marked up today against the sidewalks of Chicago, when Joseph Sarnowski, 23, was killed in a feud clash between Mexicans and Poles.

\$100,000 Donated To Fight Crime Wave

Otherwise the day on crime fared both good and bad. Colonel Robert Isham Randolph, head of the association of commerce's "secret" committee, received assurance from one citizen that he would back the battle against the racketeers to the extent of \$100,000. The name of the citizen was not revealed.

In the courts police and prosecutors got the short end, George "Red" Barker, alleged racketeer and business agent of the coal miners union, who is under indictment for gun toting, was discharged on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was arrested a second time Saturday after a long automobile chase. The judge said he should have been booked for speeding and dismissed him.

Other Defendants Fail to Show up

Jack McGurn, purported machine gunner for Al Capone, and (Turn to page 2, col 1)

WAR ON INSECTS IS RECOUNTED BY KERR

There are 203 distinct species of insects preying on the farm and orchard crops of the Willamette valley, and 102 diseases of livestock and poultry which the farm population are combating, President W. J. Kerr of Oregon State college declared in a talk at the Salem chamber of commerce luncheon Monday.

Diseases and insects cause a loss of more than \$4,000,000 a year in the state, and control efforts already in effect prevent about \$2,000,000 additional loss. Despite the great advances which have been made in agriculture in Oregon there is much more to be done, said President Kerr. There are 750,000 acres which could be drained to advantage, and 500,000 acres which ought to have irrigation. Surveys conducted by the college showing these facts, also have determined where wells for irrigation may be drilled.

Lack of snow in the late summer is a big handicap to the dairy industry, one which irrigation will overcome he added. A soil survey of Marion county is soon to be purchased, Dr. Kerr stated.

When Willows Say "Spring"

Out in the woods the pussywillows are out. People who have hearing ears know they are saying "spring" and into the car these people must jump to be off to the country to view the first signs of the season.

But wait... how about the car? Is it ready? Or is there a car at all? At all events it's a small matter for this week the dealers of Salem combine to provide the greatest bargains in used cars of the entire year.

Legionnaires Will Discuss Fourth of July Celebration

A warm meeting is in prospect for Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, tonight when final decision is expected to be reached on the question of the Fourth of July celebration which has been discussed by the veterans for several months past.

One group of legionnaires is in favor of bringing in the Indian congress which Ray Schee of Prineville has staged successfully in the town and in Klamath Falls; others are strong for a home talent, old fashioned "Fourth" with such features as log rolling on the river, a greased pole climb and a baseball game between the "fats" and "leans."

A number of other important matters are scheduled to come up at this meeting, one of them being the membership campaign which is approaching its climax.

CONTRACTORS FORM ORGANIZATION HERE

Plans Started After Meeting Effected by Credit Association

Another effort at organization of the contractors in Salem is in sight as a result of a meeting of the Salem building material dealers' credit association held last night at the chamber of commerce. A large number of contractors were present at the meeting, and when the builders' program had been concluded, this group withdrew to give the most severe February rain storms in recent years a white blanket a half inch deep.

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STATE STRUCK BY SNOWS AND COLD WEATHER

Winter Returns to Oregon to Sweep Across Many Sections Monday

White Flakes Advance as Far North as Eugene in Willamette Valley

By The Associated Press
Winter struck at several sections of Oregon yesterday while spring like temperatures prevailed in other parts of the state.

Flurries of snow occurred at Grants Pass after having covered hills adjacent to the city with a thick blanket. The snow melted in the city as soon as it fell but a cold wind threatened early vegetation.

A light covering of snow greeted residents of the Grande Ronde valley this morning as the city with a cold wave. At La Grande yesterday the sky was clear and the snow was melting. A minimum of 26 above zero was experienced.

Fruit and broccoli growers near Roseburg welcomed a shift of wind which brought low temperatures and snow.

Winter descended upon Pendleton Saturday night and Sunday, the thermometer hovering near the 30 above mark. A near blizzard visited the northeast section with snow flurries piling a white blanket a half inch deep.

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Woman Sentenced By Woman Judge To 6 Months' Jail

Mrs. Essie Bramwell was fined \$250 and sentenced to spend six months in the city jail, in the court of Miss Edith Burch, acting city recorder, Monday on a charge of liquor possession. Mrs. Bramwell's jail sentence was suspended on condition that she leave the city.

The charge resulted from a raid by local police at Mrs. Bramwell's home, 1180 Hunt street, last Friday night. A considerable quantity of whiskey, wine and beer was found, most of it in the garage. Mrs. Agnes Harmon and Mrs. Helen Warren were arrested at the same time, and Mrs. Harmon at the time claimed entire responsibility for the liquor, but apparently changed her mind later.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY BIG DREDGE HERE

2 Small Stacks Over Power House Bowled Over by Terrific Blow

When the big new dredge used by Harmon and Tittle, contractors, in considerable portion of their recent work on improvements for the Oregon-Washington Water Service company was shipped into Salem last October, it was announced that in high gear, the long crane would rotate at the rate of 120 miles an hour.

Certain employees in the water company's power plant are convinced that this was no idle boast after viewing the wreckage the crane made of the two tall stacks over the powerhouse and the wiring connected thereto.

This dredge is a versatile outfit; just now it is being used as a pile driver on the retaining wall which is being constructed along South Mill creek at the site of the proposed filtration plant. It is also used to swing the big piling into place.

On one of the trips for this latter purpose, the man at the controls let in just a little more juice than usual, and around came the crane at something like its advertised speed, snapping guy wires which held the big pipe stacks in place. Power wires also snapped with a great crashing of gigantic electric sparks, and the vicinity was, for a moment, a mass of blue flames.

Used Car Week Attracts Much Interest Here

Favorable weather aided used car week Monday and brought a number of prospective buyers to the automobile section of Salem. Dealers reported few sales but a number of prospects. According to several used car salesmen, sales this week are confidentially expected to exceed those of any week of the year.

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POISON SLAYER OF NINE FACING MURDER COUNT

James Baker Declared Sane by Two Physicians After Examination

Two Additional Gun Killings Added to List of Confessed Crimes

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A judge sane by two physicians who examined him after he was locked in the toms today, James Baker, 23, faces indictment for the murder of Henry Gaw, laboratory watchman, here in December a year ago.

Thomas G. T. Crain, district attorney, announced he would immediately proceed against Baker in the Gaw case after Dr. Perry M. Lichtenstein, Toms prison physician, and Dr. Otto H. Schultze, Crains medical assistant, reported that in their opinion Baker was sane at the time he returned here last night from Detroit.

Baker was brought here to answer an indictment for theft of \$20 from the Guggenheim laboratory, where Gaw was poisoned and where Baker formerly was employed. He was listed as a suspect in the Gaw killing at the time, but he disappeared and was not seen again until arrested recently in Detroit.

Baker's willingness to confess in Detroit to seven crimes to which he could not be linked, made the authorities doubt his sanity.

Not only did he confess to killing Gaw, who died from a draught of poisoned coffee, but he also told of poisoning seven other persons.

Today he added two more murders to this list, two gun slayings in Detroit which police say actually did occur.

SITE FOR FILTER PLANT PREPARED

Work of dismantling the old frame building situated on the corner of Trade and Liberty streets, to make room for the Oregon-Washington Water Service company's new filtration plant, will be started today, it was announced Monday by J. T. Delaney, vice president of the company and otherwise the work of clearing the site will be speeded up.

The contractor who will erect the filtration plant, C. D. Develbiss of Oakland, Cal., is expected to arrive here about the end of this week. Confirmation of the letting of the contract, announced Saturday in a wire to Mayor Livesley, was received by Mr. Delaney Monday.

The first consignments of heavy pipe for the enlarged main which will run from the filter plant to the reservoir on Fairmount hill, arrived Monday and the pipe was being distributed along the route of the main. It is extra heavy cast iron, cement lined pipe. Huge valves and other equipment were included in the shipment, which came all the way to Salem by water.

She's Teacher at President's School in Virginia Mountains



Miss Christine Vest, of Yosemite, has been selected to teach at President Hoover's mountain school in Shenandoah Park, Virginia. Reared in an isolated community, Miss Vest worked her way through Berea College, Ky., by working in the office of the dean.

School Sponsored By Hoover Starts

Score of Blue Ridge Mountain Children Make Way to Tiny Building to Learn Reading and Writing From New Teacher

By REID MONFORT
Associated Press Staff Writer

DARK HOLLOW, Va., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Book learning came to Dark Hollow today to join mountain lore. The opening of the community school sponsored by President Hoover brought 20 eager children and many parents trudging up the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia. The youngsters were to begin the magic trial of the printed word, and they came early with wonder-filled eyes.

The modern little school is perched high on Stony Hill hard by the summer camp of President Hoover. First to arrive there was 12-year-old Ray Durraaker, who little more than a year ago drew the attention of the executive to the need for a school in the section.

Then Ray brushed through the tangled growth about the camp to bring a 'possum to the president. This time Ray came to school old glory on the school flagpole before the sun soared over Double Top mountain.

Lad Spends Entire Night Without Sleep
He was so excited that he was not able to sleep last night, and breakfast he led the procession, all of whom came early. The honor of lowering the flag this afternoon fell to Ray's nine-year-old brother, George Harold.

Ray was the best groomed of the nine boys and eleven girls, whose ages ranged between five and 15. George Harold, red-sweatered and hair singed from helping burn trash on the ground, did not let big brother have all the limelight, friendly and with a trouser pocket fat with a can of tobacco, he was high in his praise of the president. He had installed in the school house. There were twelve Burakers at the opening, eight of whom were pupils. Grandfather Buraker, 89, a gray-haired patriarch and Grandmother Buraker, 72, wearing a blue bonnet and a black (Turn to page 2, col 4)

Unperturbed by the realization that he was about to reach the pinnacle post of his distinguished career, he entered the cozy room where the justices put on their robes to sit on the bench a few minutes before the usual noon meeting hour. There his associates greeted him warmly.

The group stood informally around the table where they lunch each day the court is in session, while the venerable Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes administered the oath of allegiance to the constitution. Mr. Holmes' voice quavered slightly, he will be 89 years old next month and is the oldest member of the court, having become a member in 1902. Thus he remembered the time before that Mr. Hughes took that oath, for his service on the court from 1910 to 1916.

COOLIDGE RECEIVES THREATENING NOTE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 24.—(AP)—An unpleasant episode in the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge in southern California, a threatening letter, proved of far more concern today to a bodyguard than the former president and former first lady of the land.

Mr. Coolidge came across the massive wall examining a huge pile of mail which had accumulated during his week end trip to the home of Mark Requa, California republican leader, at Santa Barbara, Cal.

With characteristic calmness, Mr. Coolidge read the letter, arched his eyebrows slightly and turning to a guard, remarked tersely: "I guess this belongs to you." That apparently closed the matter as far as the distinguished visitor was concerned, but not for police, who opened an immediate investigation.

The letter read: "Hon. Mr. C. Coolidge: I would like to warn you that a gunman, murderer from the east arrived in Los Angeles and he said Mr. Coolidge is going to make his trip back east in coffin because he is going to kill him so for God sake, be careful and protect yourself and Mrs. Coolidge because he sure will do it. His brother is in penitentiary for bootlegging."

GREGORY FIRST CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OFFICE

Hollywood District Resident Drafted for Campaign by Large Delegation

Municipal Ownership of Local Water Plant to be Important Issue

A dramatic scene was enacted in a certain modest fruit store on North Capitol street Monday night when a delegation representing, according to reports, the entire Hollywood district, called upon the proprietor and informed him that he was a candidate for mayor.

The recipient of this honor, P. M. Gregory, was taken completely by surprise, and his face was a study of expressions when the spokesman for the group, A. C. Burk, announced its mission.

"It sounds like a joke to me," Mr. Gregory finally said, "but if you are in earnest I think you are making a big mistake. That is a job that needs a big man to fill it." But after some further discussion, he agreed to give his answer today.

"We aren't asking you, we're taking you," he was informed, Gregory finally agreed to run.

More objections were raised by the summarily drafted candidate, but after earnest parleying for something like an hour during which the committee stood its ground resolutely, it was reported that Mr. Gregory had agreed to run. He thus becomes the first avowed candidate for the executive office of the city which will be vacated in January by T. A. Livesley.

It was indicated at this conference that a major plank in Mr. Gregory's campaign, which according to all indications will be waged strenuously by his Hollywood friends, will be municipal ownership of the water utility.

The Hollywood community club, of which Mr. Gregory is president, was the first organization to announce itself as favoring purchase of the water utility by the city, and at its last meeting the club took steps looking toward a consummation of that purpose, when it voted to circulate initiative petitions for a repeal of the present clause in the charter providing machinery for such a purchase. The plan was to permit procedure under the less complicated state law.

Since a decision was reached, members of the committee appointed to carry out the proposal have talked it over and have about reached the conclusion that it will be just as well to proceed with a direct initiative petition asking a vote on the question of municipal ownership. It was learned Monday. Another proposal has been raised as to whether an initiative measure to repeal the clause in the charter at issue, could be gotten on the ballot for the May election.

Gregory Former School Board Member
Despite the modesty which Mr. Gregory betrayed when confronted with the idea of aspiring to the city's highest office, he has had some experience as a public official, having been a member of the school board in 1925 and (Turn to page 2, col 4)

Oregon Salem Man Reaches National Capital to Seek Farm Loan Briefs...

Miall Reaches Washington
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Oregonian, in a special dispatch from his Washington correspondent, said that Mr. Miall of Salem, president of the Northwest Fruit Packers' association, reached Washington today to negotiate with the federal farm board for a loan for the co-operative he represents. He had preliminary conferences with the board members today.

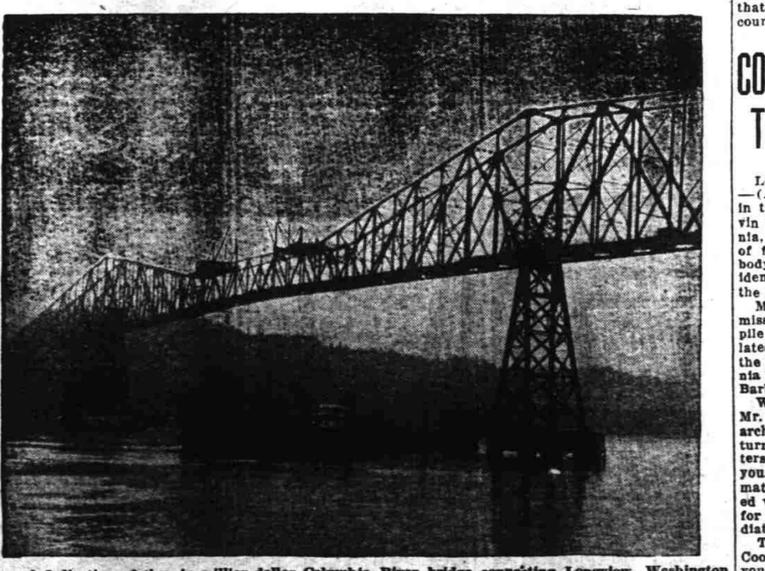
Judges to Meet
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Skipworth, one of the referees in the Joseph-Manix disbarment cases, announced tonight that the three referees will meet at Salem, March 2 for a final decision in the cases. A decision on the date was reached after a telephone conference between Judges Skipworth, F. W. Wilson of The Dalles, and Norton of Grants Pass.

Bridge Approved
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The war department today approved plans for the Oregon highway commission for a bridge across Larson slough, eight miles south of Marshfield, Ore., under authority of the state law.

Shooting Fatal
BEND, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—One week after he was accidentally shot while returning from a rabbit hunt, Daniel Eiland, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bland, of near Redmond, died in a local hospital last night.

Clerk Sentenced
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Spear G. Herlinger, former clerk in the city water bureau, today was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary and fined \$200 when he pleaded guilty in circuit court to a charge of larceny of public funds. Herlinger was specifically charged with the theft of \$100, but auditors said his defalcations totaled more than \$19,000 over a period of eight years.

Pastor Elected
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Unanimous call was given by the congregation of the First Baptist church of Eugene Sunday to the Rev. Bryant Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Sacramento, Calif., he immediately wired his acceptance and will be here about May 1.



Formal dedication of the six million-dollar Columbia River connecting Longview, Washington and Rainier, Oregon, will take place at two o'clock on the afternoon of March 29. This highest highway span over a navigable stream in America will be opened when President Hoover presses the golden key in the executive offices at the White House. As the electric spark covers the bridge barrier in the center of the great steel structure, which rises in its center span of 1,200 feet, to a height of 196 feet. The chief executives of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and British Columbia will be present at the dedication. Specially decorated motor caravans, representing Chambers of Commerce, service clubs, and fraternal organizations, will be in line from all parts of the Pacific Coast. This bridge is another link of Pacific highway, that gives the tourist a direct route into Northwestern Oregon and the Oregon bordering over the scenic Columbia River highway.