

# STEEVES' MAID TELLS STORIES

### Denials Contained in Counter-Affidavits in Divorce Case

A series of affidavits from the plaintiff's angle in the Laban Steeves divorce case were filed in circuit court yesterday, chief of which is one from Ruby Perry, maid in the Steeves home for 14 months, who was mentioned as a favorite of Steeves in the counter-charge of the divorce made by Mrs. Steeves. The affidavits are to counter claims made by Mrs. Steeves in her attempt to reopen the divorce case, in which Steeves, local physician, was granted a divorce.

Steeves declares in his affidavit he did not meet the defendant, Martha Jane Steeves, August 20 to make a property settlement, as she alleges, but that he was sick in bed at the time. He denies improper relations with the maid, Ruby Perry, and denies that he remained overnight in a hotel with her on a date named by his wife. He brings in affidavit from William Ashby of a local service station to prove he bought gas in Salem the morning following his reputed night in Portland with the maid. He denies further that a Dave Richardson saw the defendant and him together in May, 1929, as man and wife.

Ruby Perry, in her lengthy document, says Steeves was most considerate of his wife, that he was not aloof and that she had her own way and ruled the home. She says further that Mrs. Steeves confided in Ruby Perry and loved another child in the affidavit, John Doe, but in reality a Salem business man.

Ruby Perry's affidavit says further that she saw the defendant and John Doe, whose name she can give if requested, in bed together on several occasions, and that they were together in Portland, Astoria, Eugene and at the American Legion convention in Salem.

Mrs. Steeves also spent late hours in the city and certain late with another married business man of Salem, known in the document as Richard Doe.

The former maid says she did not disclose the facts until she had been discharged after 14 months service, and that then she told the husband only after he intimated he believed his wife to be unfaithful. Ruby Perry says further she has not visited Dr. Steeves' home since dismissal except on a few occasions to visit the children.

Howard Crane, a relative of Ruby Perry, also signed affidavit declaring that the girl stayed in an apartment house in Portland the night she and Dr. Steeves were reputed to have been together in that city.

## SCENES FROM LIFE OF "PAPA" JOFFRE



France this week will honor the memory of her beloved marshal who was known as the victor of the first battle of the Marne. Here he turned back the German hosts as they fought to come through the gates of Paris.

## Miss Pollard Takes Hubby In Ceremony

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Miss Susanne Pollard, Virginia's young first lady, tonight became the bride of Herbert Lee Boatwright, Jr., of Washington, in a ceremony at the historic governor's mansion.

Miss Pollard, attired in a gown of ivory satin and carrying a prayer book with streamers of white orchids, advanced down an aisle of bay trees and cathedral candles to an altar to be given in marriage by her father, Governor John Garland Pollard. Her only attendant was Miss Emily Pollard, of Merion, Pa., a cousin. Benjamin Booth, Jr., of Danville, Va., was best man. Only members of the immediate families were present.

The great dining hall of the century-old mansion was transformed into an improvised chapel for the wedding and flowers and Scotch heather were banded high around its stately walls. Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin, rector of Bruton Parish Episcopal church, Williamsburg, performed the wedding ceremony.

## MOTT IS HUNGRY TO SECURE SENATE JOB

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for the appointment. Otto K. Paulus, who virtually threw Martin, is another attorney sometimes mentioned for the house vacancy.

Speaker's Race Hot

Lonegan Not Sure Yet

Political interest in the state now centers in two things: The choice of speaker of the house and the contents of Governor Meier's message and recommendations.

Frank Lonegan, who was thought to have the speakership sewed up, has had numerous stitches break on his sack, with the chance that the goose may get out. It is nip and tuck between him and Herbert Gordon. The latter is making claims to being the legitimate legate of Meier support and is campaigning on this basis. The old house organization, Ralph Hamilton, Homer Angell, et al, is backing Lonegan, while the junior league are backing Gordon. There has been so much switching of support that the polls are quite uncertain. The two names are expected to be presented, leaving the actual vote to show which one wins.

Meier's "Seven Points" Enumerated in Telegram

Intimations of the recommendations Governor Meier will make are contained in his campaign "house organ," the Portland Telegram, of last night, which says A. E. Clark, Portland attorney, is drafting legislation for the Meier program embracing the following points:

Abolition of the present state public service commission.

Creation of a new commission of one, three of whom will be appointed by the governor, to control power rights in the state.

The so-called "grange bill" properly safeguarded.

Action by the state to speed federal development of the Columbia power possibilities.

Abolition of the law providing "certificates of necessity" for creation of new utilities.

## Mother Cries To Know How Her Boy Is

A pathetic letter from Mrs. Clara Blair, 717 West Fourth street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was on file yesterday in the chamber of commerce.

"Won't you help me find my boy; he is out there somewhere," reads the letter.

"I'm a widow and I'm trying to make a living but I want to know my boy the most of anything. His name is Henry Blair. Please let me hear from him."

The writer informs the chamber here that her son was taken from her when she was sick and without her permission. Subsequently she has sent money to him and urged his return. While the letters have not been returned the boy has never been seen by his mother.

"I am not long for this world as my health is failing," she adds to her letter. "He is my baby boy and my heart cries out for him."

## FEW CHANGES SEEN ON PORTLAND MART

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Opening prices were generally unchanged in wholesale markets for farm produce today.

Tons of both butter and egg markets was weak. Butter receipts were heavy and egg receipts were ample with light buyer demand for both. Storage offerings found few takers.

Government market news service reported conditions in the wholesale fresh fruit and vegetable trade as follows:

Entire clean-up of various lines of jobbers' stocks of fruits and vegetables prior to New Year's, is responsible for a fair volume of business today, in replenishing these stocks. Several hundred boxes of apples were sold for immediate delivery to Portland jobbers. Spitznbergs are leading in demand now, being virtually the only red apple obtainable until the Winesap season, which is still 2 or 3 weeks distant. A few Orleys are selling now, but there is little or no demand for Newtons yet.

Oregon onions have not yet frozen in farm storage; and there is now considerable activity in the Labin district, grading and loading for prompt shipment. Growers are realizing about \$100 per car, plus bags, for their current loadings.

## GREGORY ASSUMES JOB HERE MONDAY

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Ear and Cunningham and the \$25,000 estimated to be necessary for the condemnation suit can only come from sale of additional bonds to the \$10,000 sale authorized to meet the engineers' and other fees.

Methods of Paying Fees Still Before Council

Should the court rule that the empowering charter amendment was invalid, should a ruling favorable to the city be appealed to the supreme court, it would seem evident that both the engineers' costs and the costs of court action in condemnation proceedings would remain a bill payable by the city until some funds can be provided.

The second major problem to confront Mayor Gregory and his council Monday night is that of appointing city officers. All save the police chief are appointed by the council while the charter designates him. It is appointed by the mayor subject to approval by a majority of the council.

Included in the list of appointive officers are marshal, street commissioner, city attorney, city engineer, chief of the fire department, health officer.

No appointments are expected in any of these departments.

## Vale Depositors Get 52 Per Cent In Bank's Windup

Checks disbursing the final dividend of 12.1 per cent on all deposit claims against the Farmers and Stock Growers bank, insolvent, of Vale, were placed in the mails Saturday by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks. The dividend aggregated \$15,048.85.

Two dividends aggregating 40 per cent previously were paid, making a total return of 52.1 per cent on claims filed by 350 depositors of approximately \$124,370. Preferred claims of \$13,469.75 also have been approved and paid.

The bank was placed in the hands of the superintendent of the banks for liquidation at the close of business December 3, 1927.

## Aurora Sees Dawn of Year In Gay Party

AURORA, Jan. 3.—For the pleasure of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gilbreath were hosts at a gay watch party on New Year's eve. Seven tables of bridge were in play. A cabaret supper at midnight was a novel feature, with clever stunts and stories contributed by the guests. P. O. Ottoway was master of ceremonies. Mrs. U. E. Eiler, Mrs. E. E. Bradt and Gord scored at cards. Those in attendance at this happy affair were, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stoner, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Gessy, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. U. Eiler, Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Schwab, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bradt, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Ottoway, Gord Eilers, Mrs. Oralet Kraus, Mr. and Mrs. John Kraus, Mrs. Aurelia Powers, Walter Grim, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meider, Melvin Eiler, Mr. and Mrs. Urfah Hamblin and the host and hostess.

## Watch Party is Pleasant Affair

JEFFERSON, Jan. 3.—A watch night party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Aupperle New Year's eve. After an evening of cards, refreshments were enjoyed. Those present were: Elizabeth Aupperle, Joan Smith, Gilbert Sprag and Dallas Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Armstrong and son Miles of Livingston, Montana, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Knight of Roseburg, were recent visitors at the homes of Harold and Elmer Knight and families in Jefferson.

## FORWARD VISITS

FRUITLAND, Jan. 3.—Bud Forgard has been visiting friends in this community over the week end.

## Eilers Greet Friends Sunday

AURORA, Jan. 3.—Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. U. Eiler displayed their hospitality Sunday evening when they entertained at little supper. Two visiting guests, Miss Beattie Stout and Miss Effie Wagner, officiated at the refreshment table. Christmas songs, games and cards made up the evening's entertainment. Mrs. E. E. Bradt and J. W. Sadler won high scores at cards. Present were, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stout of Scappoose; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bradt, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Ottoway, Edward Green, all of Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kruse, Wilsonville; Mr. and Mrs. A. Strayer, Canby; Miss Beattie Stout, Oregon State college; Miss Effie Wagner, Bond; Melvin and John Eiler and Mr. and Mrs. U. Eiler.

## CAMPFIRE GIRLS MEET

ZENITH, Jan. 3.—Miss Dorothy Shepard took the Zena members of Campfire Wabank to a meeting held at the home of Lois Wilson at Wheatland Tuesday afternoon, December 30.

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# JOFFRE'S LIFE QUILTS AT DAWN

### France Plans State Funeral For Great Marshal on Next Wednesday

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with the desire for a simple burial on his own homestead, "La Chataignerie" — "Chestnut Grove" — which he and Madame Joffre had built and laid out.

"Chestnut Grove" may become another Mount Vernon, and that there his collection of military relics, gathered in more than forty years of military life, might be preserved. Tonight his body lay in the bare, white-plastered room in which he died at the hospital of St. Jean-de-Dien, clad in a white dolman and the golden-buttoned uniform of the French Colonial armies. Tomorrow it will be transported to the chapel at the Ecole Militaire — old French army school — where on Monday and Tuesday it will lie in state so that poets and general, the average man of France and his statesmen may file past it and the kindly leader that all loved, Church and State to Unite in Ceremonials.

The funeral will be on Wednesday. As they did for Foch, church and state will unite in ceremony and gesture to publicly express the nation's grief. The service will be held in the cathedral of Notre Dame and then through streets lined by the men who fought under him the body of Joffre will be taken to the Invalides, where it will be temporarily placed in the chapel that shelters Napoleon, Foch and a whole host of France's greatest dead.

## Rail Stocks Go On up on Board; Others Follow

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The rail stocks tugged the entire market higher today, although the gains in all groups were considerably less than yesterday.

Submission of the four-system merger plan to the interstate commerce commission so soon after the preliminary announcement of the agreement brought another display of strength in the carrier shares.

Industrial followers less enthusiastically, despite advances in U. S. Steel, Westinghouse and others through their highs of the December 17 rally, while some utilities were buoyant. The motor issues were content to hold yesterday's gains. Oil closed higher. Few pivotal stocks, with the exception of the rails, were up more than one or two points. Sales totaled 1,647,790 shares.

## 1 Fatality for Industry, Week

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending January 3, according to a report prepared here today by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Conrad Eitelman of Portland. There were 401 accidents reported to the commission during the week.

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## Irrigation For Valley Proved

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## EMERY QUITS JOB

JEFFERSON, Jan. 3.—G. S. Emery has resigned his job of carrying the U. S. mail to and from the S. F. train. Left Hampton is dispatching the mail temporarily.

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# Obituary

Owensby died at the residence on route 5, Salem, January 2, aged 68 years; husband of Lola, brother of Mrs. Floyd Jenks of Tangent, Mrs. Florence Canovan and Mrs. W. J. Patterson of Albany, and Mrs. J. C. Galbraith of Salem. Funeral services Monday, January 5, at 10:30 a. m., from the chapel of W. T. Rigdon and Son, Interment City cemetery at Albany.

## EMBARGO ON WHEAT GOING TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The farm board's proposal to place an embargo on wheat will be laid before congress in legislative form on Monday by Representative Burdette, republican, North Dakota.

Burdette made this announcement today while Senator-elect Dickinson of Iowa was issuing a statement through the republican national committee asserting the Hawley-Smoot tariff had "more than fulfilled the promises of its backers by maintaining prices of American farm produce high above world levels and preventing the dumping of competitors' products into our markets."

At the same time, the board made an unfavorable report to the senate agriculture committee on the Capper proposal to use 40,000,000 bushels of wheat held by the board agencies for feeding the unemployed.

The argument was made the board had no authority to give away wheat and such action would impair its revolving fund and divert the money "for purposes other than for which appropriated."

## MRS. BIER LEADER OF FOX ASSOCIATION

Mrs. A. J. Bier of Corvallis was named president of the Oregon State Fox Breeders' association at the annual meeting of that organization held in Salem yesterday. The group chose E. F. Brown of Independence, vice president, and Eugene Finlay of Jefferson, secretary. The session was an all-day affair held in the chamber of commerce rooms.

The breeders decided to send a representative committee of their group before the assessors of Oregon at the annual meeting of the latter to ask that more uniform and equitable assessment be made of foxes. Wide discrepancies now exist in taxation of foxes, the breeders declared Saturday.

The association decided to cease its affiliation with the national association of fox growers on the basis that there was no return forthcoming from such affiliation.

## PATTON IS NAMED ON UTILITY BOARD

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Elizabeth Runyan of Roseburg as members of the state child welfare commission to succeed Mrs. Henry L. Corbett and Mrs. Frederick H. Strong, both of Portland. Estes Sneedcor of Portland was reappointed a member of the commission. The commission of these officials will expire January 1, 1932.

Other members of the child welfare commission are Dr. Philip A. Parsons of Eugene, selected by the president of the University of Oregon, and Dr. James W. Rosenfeld of Portland, selected by the president of the state medical association.

Numerous Board Members Chosen by Governor

Dr. U. S. G. Fletcher of Portland and Dr. M. L. Mandshuh of Eugene, were appointed members of the chiropractic examining board to succeed Dr. H. DeVeny of Portland and Dr. S. F. Scott of Salem. The governor has reappointed W. E. Kinsey of Portland as a member of the state board of conciliation. He will serve for a term of four years.

E. C. Fisher of the Fisher-Brand company, undertakers, of Albany, was appointed a member of the state embalmers examining board to succeed E. G. Swink of Portland.

For membership on the industrial welfare commission, the governor has appointed Mrs. L. Goe of the Labor Temple, Portland, to succeed Mrs. Elizabeth Williams also of Portland. Mrs. Goe will serve for a term of three years under her commission.

C. A. Reed of Hood River, was reappointed a member of the state horticultural society, for a three year term.

E. W. McIndoes, agricultural agent of Clatsop county, has been appointed a member of the state board for vocational education, to succeed E. G. Bates, also a resident of Clatsop county. This appointment is for a four year term.

Dr. Andrews Successor to Dr. Barrick, Salem

The governor appointed Dr. L. R. Andrews of Astoria a member of the state board of dental examiners to succeed Dr. E. L. Barrick of Salem, who has resigned. Dr. Andrews will serve until April 1, 1932. Appointment of a circuit judge of Clackamas county to succeed J. U. Campbell, will not be announced until next week, according to a statement issued at the executive department. Pending the appointment of Judge Campbell's successor,

# Grocery Company Facing Two Suits As Result Crash

### Two damage suits growing out of the same accident were filed against the Willamette Grocery company yesterday by August Schukay and Mary Schukay.

The accident occurred October 2, when truck of the wholesale firm and car driven by Schukay collided at the corner of North 17th and Chemeketa streets.

Schukay in his complaint alleges that he had the right of way. He says his car was damaged to extent of \$400, and asks that sum and \$70 additional for loss of the machine over a period of 25 days.

Mary Schukay in her complaint asks \$1,000 general damages and \$27 for medical services as result of injury sustained to her face in the collision.

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