

JUDGE THOMAS COMMISSIONER

Medford man is Rewarded For Campaign Support Of Governor Meier

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attorney. Upon the termination of his term of office, he was made receiver of the Exchange bank. He was temporary chairman of the last republican state convention in Iowa in June, 1912.

Judge Thomas came to Oregon in 1913, having previously made investments in the state. He located in Medford where he embarked upon the practice of law. He was elected as representative to the legislature in 1916 and to the senate in 1918, and served as circuit judge of the first judicial district from January 1923 to January 1929.

Judge C. M. Thomas was one of the group of four senators who, in the 1919 session, secured the enactment of legislation liberating state highways from the control of the paving combine. Politically he has always been progressive republican and was in full accord with the platform of Governor Meier during the campaign and was one of the leaders of the Meier forces in southern Oregon.

Two of the three major Meier utility bills have now become laws, the hydro-electric commission bill having been signed earlier in the week. Appointment of the two members of that commission who are to be chosen by the governor, is expected next week, the matter having been delayed until the legislature approved a \$50,000 appropriation which is pending, the funds to be used to carry on the work of the commission.

LUCAS REPLIES TO PROBERS' CHARGE

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tempts to defeat Norris. It said Lucas made a "secret expenditure" against Norris and candidates in other states and failed to report this expenditure until after the legally prescribed dates had passed.

"The only conclusion which the committee is able to reach in respect to this incident," the report said, "is that Mr. Lucas attempted to conceal the transaction, designedly failed to report as required by the federal corrupt practices act and is chargeable with a willful violation of section 214, paragraph (b)."

This section carries a penalty of not more than \$10,000 and imprisonment of not more than two years.

The report also said Samuel R. McKelvie, member of the farm board and former republican governor of Nebraska, and Charles A. McCloud, republican national committeeman for Nebraska, apparently had violated the Nebraska election laws by contributing in excess of the \$1,000 legal limit to the campaign of W. M. Stephens, former state treasurer and Norris' primary opponent.

DECISION DELAYED ON WATER OFFER

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Over several years before the city should acquire the plant.

Some of the members were favorable to the principle of arbitration; others thought the company would be favored by such an arrangement. The two members of the utilities committee present, Furvine and Kowitz, favored arbitration and wanted the city attorney to frame the text of an agreement.

O'Hara thought the proposed agreement was "ultra vires" and so would not be binding on the company because of binding on the city. Olson thought he might be giving away some of the people's rights by agreeing to such a settlement.

Mayor Gregory was fearful of arbitration. Councilman Hendricks said the city should take the spirit of arbitration which was to get together and agree, rather than to seek contention. He suggested having a local business man as the city arbitrator, rather than hiring an engineer.

Attorney Trindle said his case was ready for appeal, with papers prepared for filing, but that he had held up the matter a few days pending the new proposal.

National Guard To be Subject To U. S. Calls

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (AP)—A bill to permit the president to order National Guard units to duty without drafting individuals was passed overwhelmingly today by the house.

The measure now goes to the senate. It had been pending in congress for many years.

THESE WOMEN TALK FOR UNIVERSITY OF OREGON



These 11 co-eds of the University of Oregon who are members of the women's varsity debate squad, have embarked on a hard schedule of forensic contests with colleges and universities in the Northwest. They are, back row, left to right, Gwendolyn Caverhill, Eugene; Alice Redetzka, Forest Grove; Jane Warner, Hermiston; Catherine McGowan, McGowan, Washington; Eleanor Sheeley, Portland; front row, Maxine Ross, St. Helens; Bernice Conolly, Eugene; Mary Campbell, St. Helens; Louise Smith, Portland; Betty Jones, Portland; and Rita Swain, Burns.

GIRL BADLY HURT IN HEAD-ON CRASH

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heading south, police who investigated the crash said.

Large crowd in Gervault, where the collision of the two cars caused such a noise that it could be heard for several blocks and a large crowd soon formed at the spot. Ross left his car immediately following the wreck, but soon returned. Considerable damage was done to both vehicles.

Wadsworth, whose home is in Gervault, stated that he was going approximately 15 miles an hour when the cars met, and that Ross was going in the neighborhood of 30 miles an hour. The greater speed of the Paige was perhaps responsible for the larger amount of damage to the Essex.

Ross is being held in the local jail pending charges.

TWO MAY DIE AS RESULT OF CRASH

TACOMA, Feb. 28. (AP)—Two Tacoma men were reported dying and a Seattle man was badly injured in an automobile collision nine miles north of here tonight on the Tacoma-Seattle highway.

The victims are: H. Rudolph, 59, of Tacoma, left eye destroyed, broken ribs and punctured lung, not expected to live. R. V. Still of Tacoma, basal fracture of the skull, and other injuries, death expected momentarily, and Frank Swanson, of Seattle, broken arm and chest bone and multiple cuts.

Rudolph and Swanson were driving towards Tacoma when the automobile driven by Still skidded across the double track highway and into the path of the Tacoma-bound car, witnesses reported. There was a terrific collision and the two machines were reduced to twisted wreckage.

As approaching cars drew up and motorists ran to give aid, the three victims of the crash were found lying on the pavement unconscious. M. Finkelberg, of Seattle took two of the victims to a Tacoma hospital and the third was taken in by a passing truck.

Former Havana Official Faces Bombing Charge

HAVANA, Feb. 28. (AP)—With grave charges facing Commander Manuel Espinosa, aide-de-camp to President Gerardo Machado, police tonight announced that a former city official had been implicated in the plot for a bomb explosion in the presidential palace Monday morning.

Police said Camilo Valdes, the slayer who admitted dropping the bomb down a vent pipe, confessed today the explosive was given him by Francisco Diaz, who was an official of the municipality of Havana under the administration of Mayor Miguel Mariano Gomez before Havana became a federal district last week.

SNOWFALL WELCOMED BOISE CITY, Okla., Feb. 28. (AP)—What fields in the Oklahoma panhandle were shrouded tonight with half a foot of snow. Farmers generally regarded the precipitation as beneficial to the new wheat crop.

LION KILLS WOMEN TOMPOCO, Mexico, Feb. 28. (AP)—A mountain lion today killed two women at a railroad point midway between here and Monterey. Foresters organized to run the beast down.

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STATE POLICE BILL GETS NO

Vote is 49 to 9 in Favor Of Uniting Enforcement Bodies of Oregon

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opposed to the bill because labor feared the state constabulary would be used in the suppression of labor disputes.

Speaker Lowmeyer left the speaker's desk to defend the constabulary bill. He discounted the idea that a political machine could be built from the state constabulary. Labor's argument that the police force would hinder labor's cause was met by Lowmeyer with the contention that governor already had the state militia at his command if he wished to use it to enforce his executive prerogatives in labor disputes.

"If the governor uses this power of a state police unfairly, I give him warning now the legislature will take the power away from him just as they now confer it upon him."

Objected to as "over measure."

"This measure is another power bill," declared Representative McCourt. "I object to so much concentration of power in one man's hands. Especially one man who has not as yet been tested as a chief executive of Oregon."

McCourt said the W. C. T. U. was opposed to the bill because it felt that mixing functions of trade, fish, game, fire patrol and prohibition enforcement in one group of officers would be less efficient than the present system of leaving enforcement of the prohibition amendment in the hands of a special group. He pointed out the great concentration of power put by the legislature in the governor's hands and condemned the concentration as undemocratic.

Representative Bronaugh and McPherson both declared that law enforcement was a major problem of this state like every other state. Both declared that a state constabulary would help Oregon reduce its law violations.

Cloning the argument Representative Chinnock said that while he did not support or vote for Governor Meier, the executive had his confidence as a business man of unquestioned ability. He urged objections to the measure and urged a hearty endorsement by the house.

THOUSAND AN HOUR ASK VETERAN LOAN

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and he expected them to remain at that level through March. He said that on the basis of \$5,000 checks daily the total would approximate \$7,500,000 a day during the peak month of March.

Blane said he expected loans to start declining.

He said \$20,000,000 already had been obtained from the treasury to add to the \$30,000,000 already on hand. Telegraphic orders for \$17,000,000 were dispatched to the regional offices and will be added to as needed.

Veterans administrator Hines tonight heard a group of radio speakers appealing for veterans to permit those most in need to receive loans first.

They included veterans that unless they paid interest on their loans, they would have only \$74 left a month, a certificate when it matured in 1945.

Old Prospector Reads His Obit, Makes Changes

NELSON, B. C., Feb. 28. (AP)—"Jimmy" Grant, famous prospector of the Roseland boom days awoke in his sick bed last Monday to read his own obituary.

Backing up his boast of many years that he was physically a "stookum good man" he vigorously protested the obituary and a correction of it in the newspapers next day.

Friday night he died.

Ordered to Vancouver a few years for a change of climate he was a passenger aboard the train today when a bomb exploded killing Peter Voregin, Sr., leader of the Doukhobors, a Russian religious sect Grant was injured seriously in the explosion and had to be brought back here.

Change of Venue Plea is Allowed in Fowler Case

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 28. (AP)—Circuit Judge Lusk today granted a defense motion for a change of venue in the case of Mrs. Emma Fowler, former city

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STAR WEDS



Betty Compton (above), of the twinkling toes and the glowing voice, is now Mrs. Edward Dowling. It was learned when the couple sailed aboard the Oriole, Havanna-bound. Dowling is a dialogue director at the Paramount Pictures studio at Astoria, L. I.

treasurer, charged with larceny of public funds. City officials said her accounts were short about \$112,000.

Judge Lusk set March 9 as the date for the trial and said he would announce next week the place the trial will be held.

NORDBYE CONTEST NEARS CONCLUSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (AP)—The struggle between the administration and Senator Schall of Minnesota over confirmation of Gunnar H. Nordbye as Minnesota federal judge, neared a decision today as judicial sub-committee ended hearings on the nomination.

Chairman Blaine of the committee said the testimony of one other witness, Tom Smith, Minnesota labor lawyer, would be taken in writing before the committee met Monday to report to the full committee.

Blane said he could give no indication what the report would be. Some senate members regarded the confirmation as doubtful because of nearness of adjournment.

ITALY AND BRITAIN AGREE UPON NAVIES

ROME, Feb. 28. (AP)—Italy and Great Britain today reached an agreement in principle for the settlement of naval problems left over by the London conference last year, and although the accord is subject to French approval, in official circles here there was a general feeling that it is all but signed.

Arthur Henderson, British foreign secretary who headed a nation's naval delegation at Paris and here, said tonight before he started back for the French capital, "We'll get an agreement in Paris if we do as well there as we did here." He added that the prospects were brought for such a result.

This tentative accord which, when it is ratified, will obviate the danger of a Franco-Italian naval race is regarded by many as even more important politically than it is in a military sense.

Here in Rome Italian prestige is upmost in the official mind, for there is always present Premier Mussolini's principle that the Rome of the Caesars is entitled to an important place in the world, and many arguments based on the negotiations which ended today at noon have been charged in the past with indications that Italy's diplomatic ability, judgment and importance have been fully recognized.

COMMUNISM GIVEN BLAME IN TRAGEDY

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reinstatement. Bevis, he said, told him he had no place open. Then he handed Bevis a note which read:

"Possibly due to terrible condition and unfairness of the domestic class, it is time for proof that some drastic measure must be used so as to effect enough changes to permit all working people a chance for a living. Many of the working people will be starved if it depends on the actual to make any changes without being forced to do so."

Bevis looked up from the paper and Gilbert drew his gun. Without further warning he fired two shots, both bullets taking effect.

As he left the office Gilbert met Bevis's son, Roy C. Bevis, and told him he had better go look at his father. The son found his father dead.

Meanwhile Lee Bronker, blacksmith, who had seen the murder through the window, reported it to police.

Van Duser Flees After Warning

When Roy Bevis emerged from his father's office nearly 50 men had congregated and they started after Gilbert who was marching toward the main office and shouting threats he planned to "get Thatcher." George W. Thatcher is president and treasurer of the company. None of the men dared attempt to stop Gilbert.

H. B. Van Duser, general manager of the mill and chairman of the Oregon state highway commission, had heard the shooting and was coming toward Gilbert. The men following Gilbert mentioned Van Duser back and he turned and walked rapidly away, disregarding Gilbert's commands to stop.

At that moment Martin ran out from the main office and leaped upon Gilbert. As he did so Gilbert fired once, the bullet striking Martin in the leg. The two men grappled and were struggling for possession of the pistol when police arrived.

When police asked Gilbert about his motive tonight he said: "He was a tyrant. He didn't treat me fairly."

PROSECUTION FOR PAIR IS IN DOUBT

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 28. (AP)—Whether Samuel R. McKelvie and Charles McCloud would be prosecuted for violating the Nebraska election laws as charged in the senate campaign finance committee report, was in doubt tonight.

Attorney General C. A. Sorenson declined to discuss what action he would take, but pointed out that county prosecutors could also file complaints.

McKelvie, former governor and member of the farm board, was reported to be in Washington. Both he and McCloud, republican national committeeman, opposed the renomination of Senator George W. Norris and are charged in the senate committee's report with contributing in excess of the \$1,000 limit, provided by state statute, to the campaign of Lincoln Stebbins, former state treasurer and Norris' primary opponent.

John H. Porter Better, Report

Some improvement in the condition of John H. Porter, county commissioner, was reported from

his home in Silverton yesterday afternoon. He was taken ill with influenza three weeks ago and his condition has been very grave. His wife and two children have been at the Porter home during the commissioner's illness.

VOTE UPON LIQUOR DISPENSARY LOOMS

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 28. (AP)—The New Mexico house of representatives will vote Monday on whether it wants to put the state into the liquor business.

The proposed New Mexico liquor dispensary bill is set for Monday's calendar. It has been preceded by almost unanimous vocal adoption of a favorable committee report, and passage earlier by 27 to 7 of a proposal to submit the dry section of the state constitution to a vote of the people.

The liquor dispensary bill, which its sponsors expect will have to run the gamut of the courts if passed, appropriates \$50,000 for the state to build a distillery. The finished product would be sold to holders of state permits through dispensaries in charge of superintendents, set up throughout the state.

Permit holders would be entitled to two quarts of liquor, four quarts of wine and 24 quarts of malt liquor monthly. Permits would have to be renewed every three months. Revenues in excess of operation requirements would be diverted by the state board of finance into the state general fund.

CAPONE CONVICTION ENCOURAGES POLICE

CHICAGO, Feb. 28. (AP)—Heartened by the conviction of the key man, Alphonse Capone, the agencies charged with enforcement of the law in Chicago pushed forward with renewed vigor in their fight on gangs.

In the criminal courts building where the county's wheels of justice grind and in the federal building where U. S. District Attorney George E. Q. Johnson, and his assistants drive relentlessly at the organized criminal element, a new spirit of enthusiasm and confidence was apparent.

Al Capone, the czar of all Chicago gangs, had at last been proved at variance with the law. "Public enemy No. 1" was found guilty of contempt of court by Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson yesterday and sentenced to six months in jail.

Prosecutors believed that the turning point had been reached in their battle against gangland, with the "big fellow," the one who had never been convicted in his home courts, finally under sentence.

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