

GRAND JURORS PROBE EMPIRE

Witnesses are Called for Thorough Investigation Of Company's Acts

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corporation commissioner. McCallister's testimony is expected to be especially vital, as Empire's present officers have stated that McCallister told them notes were considered by his department as cash. In a statement to The Statesman last week McCallister did not substantiate this affirmation and records in the state corporation commissioner's office reveal that he did not thus write prospective stockholders of Empire's securities.

Wife of Manager Is at Courthouse

District Attorney Carson said last night that the statements of any of Empire's officers would be welcomed by the grand jury although he indicated plainly that the legal examination of these men from testifying would be rigidly adhered to. For the greater part of Monday Mrs. L. H. Petty, wife of the general manager of Empire, was seen in the courthouse corridors, but she did not make her testimony here known nor did she testify to the grand jury. Petty drew \$10,000 annual salary from Empire. His stock subscription in cash was listed at \$20,000. His actual payment was \$1500.

In Portland yesterday R. W. Clancy filed an amended complaint in his suit to enjoin Oliver P. Coshaw and four other officers of Empire from using their powers as directors and officers of the company in the stockholders' meeting December 7.

The amended complaint alleges each of the defendants subscribed for \$20,000 worth of stock in the company, giving notes for the amounts subscribed and making payments totaling only \$5500 on the notes, thus allegedly defrauding the stockholders.

Suits from Coshaw the defendants are O. H. Fetty, vice-president; Jay H. Stockman, general counsel; Wilson R. Adams, treasurer; and Martin Adams.

WATER COMPANY TO RESUME WORK

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movement was started late in 1929 moved to submit to the people a bond issue for purchasing the water system, to be voted on at the May, 1930 primary election.

Work on the filter plant on Trade street was abruptly halted, and likewise on the 18-inch feeder pipeline from the filter plant to the reservoir on Fairmount hill, and improvements to the reservoir itself. The pipeline at present reaches to within 50 feet of the reservoir.

Work to Resume

If the December 15 bond issue is defeated, the water company will complete the filter plant and the pipeline, improve the reservoir, and begin construction on the planned pumping plant in the river at the end of Minto's island, Delaney said. Plans for the pumping plant call for a steel tower rising above the highest known river stage, making it safe from flood. Motors for the pumps would be installed at the top of the tower.

Improved quality and pressure of water is promised by the water company. The new pumping plant would eliminate leakage and contamination in the supply line under Minto slough. The company would set up a scientific testing laboratory to insure the quality of the water.

Increased Pressure Would be Provided

Pressure in the north Salem area would be increased by laying of larger mains, as recommended by the underwriters. On Fairmount hill the pressure now inadequate for fire protection and summer irrigation would be increased by erection of a stand-pipe, probably of 150,000 gallons capacity. Belt mains would be laid to connect present dead-end pipes, thus providing for better circulation of water and evenly distributed pressure.

These are the improvements promised by the water company if it is assured by defeat of the municipal water bond issue that it will not be forced to sell the improved system to the city at a loss in construction cost, according to Manager Delaney.

"Our plans were complete for these betterments in pressure and quality," he said. "Contracts for the work already were let when the undertaking was halted. We will start at once if the measure is defeated."

Crooked Finger District Votes Tax For Roads

A special ten-mill road tax has been voted in the Crooked Finger district south of Scotts Mills according to an election return filed yesterday with the county clerk. The total tax will be \$3791.80. Twenty-five citizens voted in favor of the tax and six against it. Floyd Sheppard, chairman of the election board, reported.

Moneys received from the tax will be used to extend the Crooked Finger road as far as possible beyond its present terminus. The district also has some road debt since Marion county advanced funds to grade and rock the Crooked Finger road out from Scotts Mills.

The voters favored the reappointment of James Curley as road patrolman in the Crooked Finger district.

SEEK MOONEY'S FREEDOM



Mrs. Mary Mooney, mother of Tom Mooney, is shown above conferring with Mayor James Walker of New York who is at San Francisco in the interest of the Tom Mooney case. Tom Mooney, who is in San Quentin prison, was convicted in connection with the 1916 Preparedness parade bombing here that killed and injured many persons.

SCHOOL HEADS WILL CONVENE SATURDAY

According to County Superintendent Fulkerson the annual convention for school officers of Marion county will be held at the court house in Salem, on Saturday, December 5, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning. All school officers in the various districts are being notified and urged to be present if possible.

Grant Murphy, president, will call the meeting to order, following reading of the minutes and calling of the roll by districts. H. C. Sinka, county sanitary officer will be present as advisor on questions of school sanitation.

Different school problems will be taken up for discussion at 1:15, and at 2 o'clock state superintendent, C. A. Howard, will talk on efficiency in the schools' financial matters. At 2:30 appointment of committees will be made following by adjournment at 3 o'clock.

FUND ON HAND FOR HOSPITAL PAYMENT

Semi-annual payment of interest on the bonded indebtedness of the Salem general hospital will be met without difficulty today, says Mrs. Mildred Lenore, superintendent. In fact, the \$16,050 due in interest has been on hand for some time, and has been set aside from the earnings of the institution.

No payment on the bonds will be due until June, these being paid but once a year. Business conditions have been quite satisfactory at the hospital this fall and show considerable improvement over a year ago. In view of this, the superintendent believes the bond payment will be met when it falls due.

Collections have been fairly good recently, however there is still quite a sum of outstanding money on the books.

Baker District Asks Permit to Build Reservoir

The Baker Valley Irrigation association, through T. G. Montague, trustee, yesterday filed application in the office of Charles E. Stricklin, state engineer, for permission to construct a reservoir on Powder river at some point between Baker and the town of McEwen, 15 miles up the stream.

The Baker Valley Irrigation association was said to be composed of many of the most prominent business men and farmers in the district.

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in the Baker district.

The construction of the storage reservoir at or near Boulder Gorge, in order to supplement the low water flow of Powder river for irrigation of 20,000 acres of land in Baker valley, has been the dream of the Baker valley farmers for many years, Stricklin said.

Many Seeking to Furnish Fuel to State This Year

More than 25 bids were opened by the state board of control Monday, in connection with the purchase of 4000 cords of wood, required by various state institutions during 1932. The bids were received from farmers and wood dealers in virtually all parts of the Willamette valley.

The bids ranged from \$2 per cord for the cheaper woods to more than \$5 for others. The proposals covered from 100 cords in parcel lots to the entire amount by some bidders.

The contract probably will be awarded next week.

Two Fatalities In Industries Noted in Week

There were two fatalities in Oregon, due to industrial accidents, during the week ending November 26, according to a report prepared here yesterday by the state industrial accident commission.

The victims were Ludvic Benson, Kerry, Loader, and Frank Peschl, Garibaldi, edgerman.

There were 419 accidents reported to the commission during the week covered in the statement.

Non-Support is Charged in Two Cases in Court

Two non-support cases received attention before Justice Miller Hayden yesterday.

Frank Richter's case came up for preliminary hearing. It was taken under advisement. Richter is out on \$500 bail.

Albert Needham pleaded guilty to the charge, and the case was continued on his motion for 60 days. He is out on \$250 bail.

Miss Martha Hartford Eddy is the fifth generation of the family to attend Denison university of Granville, O.

WARNER BROS CAPITOL
LAST DAY

7 CISCO KID
BAXTER LOWE

THE ROAD TO RENO
Starts Tomorrow
See It!

LICENSE RAISE NOW PROPOSED

Takes Place of 2 per Cent Tax Plan; Fees Would Total \$5000, Word

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pany to whom the proposed license fee has not yet been proposed. The schedule to be suggested to the council follows:

Present annual fee	Proposed annual fee
Portland General Electric	\$ 500 \$2500
Pacific Telephone	500 1100
Portland Gas Co.	400 500
Western Union	50 50
Postal Telegraph	50 50
Water Company	0 700
Totals	\$1500 \$5000

The proposed ordinance would put these taxes into effect for 1932. If the gross earnings tax was carried, attorneys for the utilities indicate there would be immediate litigation on the ground that the tax was discriminatory. This would delay if not make impossible collection of the levy.

Bus License Based On Different Plan

On the \$5000 general license tax annually from utilities the apportionment is made between the companies on the basis of gross annual business done in Salem. The bus lines are exempted since under a charter voted then by the citizens of Salem each bus used in the service pays a flat annual license charge of \$25.

Several weeks ago the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company made an informal proposal to the council committee for the securing of a new franchise to replace the 50-year franchise which runs out in 1934. The company made proffers on the basis of a gross earnings tax but subsequently announced it had withdrawn the offer and was not now ready to negotiate a new franchise.

Books Prepared For Water Vote Here This Month

The huge task of addressing pamphlets for the coming special city election on the matter of a bond issue for construction of a mountain water system was undertaken Monday by a dozen workers in one of the circuit court rooms. A set of poll books for the city will be compiled from the county books, following the authorization by the county court.

The many inquiries being received relative to registration for voting in the election, which will be held on December 15, makes it apparent that many Salem citizens will be unable to vote for not having registered at the required time.

Missing Girl is Reported Found

Salem police were advised yesterday by Portland officers that Eliza the Bird, 14, who disappeared from the home of her mother here a week ago, had been apprehended in Portland.

She is the daughter of Mrs. W. E. Davis. Her stepfather is an automobile mechanic.

The girl was said to have left her home after she was questioned by the police regarding a worthless check.

EASTMAN TO SPEAK

Morgan Eastman of Vancouver, B. C., is to speak to the Rotary club here tomorrow at noon. He is district governor of the organization. W. H. Dancy will introduce him.

WARNER BROS
Elstoure
LAST DAY

The FOUR MARX BROTHERS
"MONKEY BUSINESS"

STARTS TOMORROW
Playing with LOVE
is playing with DYNAMITE!

24 Hours
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Based on the Louis Bromfield novel.
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The Call Board . .

By OLIVE M. DOAK

Warner Bros. Elstoure Today—The 4 Marx Brothers in "Monkey Business".
Wednesday—Clive Brook, Kay Francis in "24 Hours".
Friday—Richard Arlen and Jack Oakie in "Touchdown".

Warner Bros. Capitol Warner Baxter in "The Cisco Kid".
Wednesday—Charles Rogers in "The Road to Reno".
Friday—Leo Carrillo in "Lasca of the Rio Grande".

The Grand Today—Walter Huston in "The Criminal Code".
Wednesday—Lowell Sherman in "Bachelor Apartment".
Friday—Lloyd Hughes in "The Sky Raiders".

The Hollywood Today—Sus Carol and Noah Beery in "In Line of Duty".
Wednesday—Marion Davies in "Five and Ten".
Friday—Tom Tyler in "The Man From Death Valley".

You will not want to miss the "4 Marx Brothers" in their last production "Monkey Business". It makes no pretense of being provocative of thought, but it does give you something to laugh about, not only when you are viewing it but for hours afterward.

It is the sort of thing that makes you want to tell your friends about it; makes you use it to illustrate a funny situation, and makes you want to try some of the wise cracks out on a down-hearted soul.

Perhaps these four boys will never do anything to excel their "Cocoanut" foolishness but "Monkey Business" comes very close to it. It is to be seen for the last time today at Warner Bros. Elstoure.

REV. BUCK TO SPEAK

Rev. J. R. Buck of this city is to speak to the Salem Kiwanis club this noon at the Marion hotel. His topic has not been announced.

A vegetable expert has been employed by the Kentucky State College of Agriculture to encourage gardening among industrial workers.

The never fading interest in a life that is past, romance of days that are growing dim in memory are fast becoming history make this play a thing to be enjoyed just for the sake of the emotions that rise and fall with its portrayal.

KANTNER SCION OF A MUSICAL FAMILY

Born in Studio in London, Son of Salem Native; Is Here Tonight

Jean Kantner, soloist with the Salem MacDowell club chorus, in the Christmas concert at the Grand theatre tonight, has in his career given evidence of the correctness of ancient rule that the education of a child should begin in 1000 years before it is born. In one of his lectures Rev. T. De Witt Talmage lopped off 900 of the years; he answered a question, "When should the education of a child begin?" with "1000 years before he is born."

Jean Kantner was born in a music studio in London, but his father is Clifford W. Kantner, born in Salem, and he is a leading musician and teacher of singing on this coast, with his home in Seattle. Jean's grandfather on the paternal side, Rev. W. C. Kantner, began leading congregational singing in Oregon in 1876, when he became a circuit rider in this state.

Jean's mother devoted years to the study of music and it was in her blood, for her father, a pioneer of an 1848 covered wagon trail, spent much time with his "fiddle," and was popular with the early settlers of the west side of the Willamette on account of his musical ability and readiness to gladly serve with his favorite instrument. He was B. F. Whiteaker, whose donation land claim was between Independence and Dallas.

Jean Kantner began appearing in public parts before he had passed his seventh year. He was proclaimed a prodigy. He has consistently climbed in the 18 years since. He has what amounts to a "gift of tongues." He sings in German, Italian, French, Spanish, Latin, in Japanese and Hebrew, and of course in English.

Jean Kantner's repertoire numbers at least 350 songs. He has already had wide acclaim in many fields, from high authorities. He is a Salem and Salem district product in his family tree, and his consistently mounting fame should be and is appreciated by the people of this section.

Four-H Leaders Will Meet Here And Make Plans

At 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 5, the Marion county local 4-H club local leaders association will meet at the chamber of commerce, according to notices sent out to the local leaders over the county by Mrs. Blanche M. Brown, president of the organization, and Wayne D. Harding, county club agent.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss work for the coming year. Since all names of the local club leaders are not available, all those receiving notices are asked to make an effort to advise these

WEDS AGAIN



Rather youthful appearing is Richard Denny, of Noblesville, Ind., who gave his age as 95 and said he has been married seven times, after he walked into the office of the county clerk and asked for a license to wed Mrs. America Moody, just 10 years his junior. Denny is believed to be a record-holder in Indiana for taking out a marriage license at his age.

other leaders to insure as full an attendance as possible. The coming year is expected to be one of the biggest years ever had in this work so this meeting is considered of extra importance in getting the year's work under way.

Popenoe Visits Salem; Praises State Hospital

Paul Popenoe, secretary of the Human Betterment Foundation, Pasadena, Cal., stopped here Monday on his way to Portland where he will address the flying squadron of the Federal Council of Churches. In a visit with Dr. E. E. Lee Steiner at the state hospital he highly commended the work being done in Oregon, placing the state as foremost among western states in the care of mentally incompetent persons.

Mr. Popenoe will speak on December 3 and 4 in an effort to bring before the ministers of the country the necessity for stricter marriage laws. Such laws, he believes, would eventually materially decrease the number of persons necessarily placed under state care.

NOVEMBER BRINGS STRANGE WEATHER

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highest for last year which was 4.8.

The coldest temperature of the past month was Sunday night with the minimum of 20 degrees and the lowest maximum was Monday with 28 degrees. For today the weather man says "rain" so there will likely soon be some warmth to give red for purple in the color of the public nose.

The range in temperature for November, 1931, is:

	Max.	Min.	1931	1930
November 1	68	43		
November 2	67	43		
November 3	62	38	.01	
November 4	61	43		
November 5	64	38		
November 6	64	39	.03	
November 7	52	42	.82	
November 8	51	42	1.11	.18
November 9	47	36	.41	.32
November 10	46	35	1.03	.27
November 11	51	36		
November 12	51	34		
November 13	50	41		.15
November 14	49	39	.02	.06
November 15	45	37	.43	
November 16	43	37	.23	.78
November 17	48	43	.37	.38
November 18	46	39	.80	.76
November 19	49	40	.56	.06
November 20	49	37	.71	.04
November 21	46	37	.46	
November 22	44	37		
November 23	43	31		
November 24	45	23		
November 25	42	24		
November 26	47	28	.10	
November 27	46	22	.09	
November 28	45	23		
November 29	42	23		
November 30	38	22		

Osgood Slated For Address at Medical Session

Dr. Edwin E. Osgood, professor of biochemistry at University of Oregon Medical school and an authority in his field, will address members of the Tri-County Medical association tonight at the Marion hotel. The physicians from Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties will assemble for 7 o'clock dinner, which will be followed by the program at 8 o'clock.

The other address of the evening will be given by Dr. H. A. Gueffroy of Salem on the subject, "Medical Practice and State Medicine."

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