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KELLER'S TRIAL PROCEEDING AT SPEEDIER PACE

Witnesses After Robinson Are Stock Purchasers; Agree on Promises

Judge Walker Rules Talks Made by Salesmen Are To Be Admitted

DALLAS, April 13.—(Special)—Examination of witnesses in the case of the state against Frank Keller, Jr., progressed more rapidly during the sessions Wednesday. When the court opened at 9:30 Wednesday morning, George Robinson of Portland, one of the original officers, was still on the stand with Frank Lonergan, defense attorney, conducting the cross-examination. Robinson seemed more certain of his statements in regard to his activities in selling "Western" stock in Jackson and Josephine counties than he was during his testimony yesterday.

Charles Goodwin, representing the state corporation commission, testified that 121 agents and salesmen were licensed to sell Empire stock in Oregon. The next state witness called was Stanley H. Richardson, a merchant at La Grande, who testified that he had purchased 100 shares of Empire stock from O. J. Keller, a salesman. Richardson stated that he had paid \$25 cash and given a 30 day note for the other \$25 which was required as a down payment. He stated that he visited the offices of the corporation in Portland and that the salesman had suggested that he become a regional director of the company. He declined this offer but did consent to write a letter of recommendation to the company telling his opinion of the stocks and the idea supposed to be behind the Empire Holding corporation. Statements Made

By Agents Admitted Shortly after Richardson took the stand, Lonergan objected to the state's use of testimony regarding the statements of salesmen and agents of the company. The question was argued out before the judge just prior to and following the noon recess. Judge Walker finally ruled that the use of such testimony was to be permitted and Richardson resumed his testimony.

Will G. Barrow, a service station operator from Marshfield, told of purchasing 30 shares of the Empire stock. He paid \$750 in cash for these shares and a note for the balance of the \$20,000. Barrow also told of the statements made to him by the salesman regarding the salaries of officers and what was being done with the money. Oscar Hayter conducted the cross-examination and succeeded in getting the witness to admit some business in regard (Turn to page 2, col. 1.)

Little Objection To Closing Fire Stations Noted

Public sentiment expressed this week to Chris J. Kowitz, alderman, is not adverse to the temporary closing of subsidiary fire stations in east, south and north Salem. Kowitz reported yesterday. The majority of citizens who have expressed their views, Kowitz said, declare that reduction in city expenditures cannot come unless major slashes are made in some departments. Kowitz said some of the firemen had protested against the reduction while a few citizens said they thought it was too bad to reduce fire protection in the various parts of town. The matter of closing the stations for the rest of the year is to be discussed at a meeting by Kowitz, comes out from committee next Monday night for action by the aldermen.

Oregon Briefs

SUCCEEDS FINNERTY ALBANY, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Rex Putnam, superintendent of schools at Redmond for the past nine years, has been appointed superintendent of Albany schools. He succeeds G. E. Finnerty, resigned. Putnam is a graduate of the University of Oregon and has taught school at Salem, Springfield and Tacoma as well as at Redmond. He coached athletics at Salem high school at one time. SEARCH CONTINUES MEDFORD, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Woodmen searching the dead Indian country near Ashland for the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Brown today reported finding letters belonging to Mrs. Brown. The letters were found at a place where an attempt had been made to build a fire. The Browns disappeared during a blizzard last January 12.

Cherrians Getting Ready for Annual Blossom Day Here

Will Pose for Pictures Under Orchard Blooms In new Linen Uniforms Today; Route to be Same as Last Year

If Old Sol forgets his peeve of yesterday and shines upon the Salem district with any degree of enthusiasm today, a few Cherrians will don their spiffy new linen uniforms (made from Salem flax, if you please) and hike themselves out into the lands of pure white blossoms, there to pose for the official 1932 Salem Blossom Day pictures.

WILSON COMING TO HEAR RIPLEY PLEA

Arraignment Will Probably Be Next Saturday; now In County Bastile

Arraignment of Robert Ripley as one of the alleged murderers of James Iverson, Silverton night policeman, will probably take place here next Saturday. Walter Lampkin, clerk of the circuit court, received word yesterday from Judge Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles that he would probably be here Saturday to hear Ripley's plea. The judge has been assigned by the state supreme court to hear the case.

Ripley is now in the county jail here. He was released from the reformatory at Monroe, Wash. last Saturday by Governor Hartley on an executive parole which will be revoked if Ripley is freed here after his trial on the first-degree murder charge pending against him.

Judge Howard K. Zimmerman of St. Helens sent word yesterday to Lamkin that he would be here the week of April 25 to hear cases all that week. Lamkin set the following tentative docket yesterday for Zimmerman: Gossier vs. Gooch, action for damages, April 25. Graves vs. Gooch, action for damages, April 26. Kennedy vs. Mercer, action for money, April 27. Mollenpore vs. City of Salem, action for damages, April 28.

RIVER TRAFFIC AT EUGENE DISCUSSED

EUGENE, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Manufacturers and business men of the upper Willamette valley today met at Oscar Kuentz, United States district engineer, what canalization of the Willamette river would mean to hold one of a series of hearings on the proposed canalization. Shipments of lumber, concrete, iron and steel and other commodities told the engineers that the differential in freight rates in favor of cities with water transportation is a handicap in their business and that industry and business in this part of the state would be greatly benefited by canalization. The speakers at the hearing told stories of industries which, they said, had been kept out of Eugene and other points in the upper valley by high rail freight rates. Protection of the river bank and flood control also was discussed. Major Kuentz said flood control was not under his jurisdiction and suggested that the matter be taken up with Oregon's congressmen at Denver. He added, however, that canalization of the river would relieve the flood menace to some extent.

Putnam Gets Albany Job Trace of Browns Found Mott Talks at Medford Matches Fatal to Child

DISCUSSES RACKETEERS MEDFORD, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—James W. Mott, state corporation commissioner, addressed a luncheon club here today in the course of his campaign for nomination for representative in congress. Mott discussed "Racketeers and racketeers" and alleged that racketeers in Oregon in the past have robbed "the investing public of this state" of approximately \$26,000,000. BURNS CAUSE DEATH PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Ava Gabriel, 6, died at a Portland hospital today from burns suffered at her home March 29, hospital attendants reported to police. The child was playing with a box of matches and accidentally set fire to the box. The flames ignited her clothes.

WEIDER CHOSEN COMMANDER OF MASONIC GROUP

Convention Closes; Grand Commandery Officers Are Given Places

Next Season Expected to Be in Portland; Over 400 at Convention

The 46th state convention of the York Rite Masonic bodies came to a close Wednesday afternoon with the installation of officers for grand commandery, Knights Templar, Edward L. Weider, former deputy grand commander was installed as grand commander to succeed Norman L. Croust of Portland.

Other officers to be installed were John K. Kollock of Portland as deputy grand commander; Herbert L. Toney of McMinnville, generalissimo; Lloyd L. Scott, Portland, grand captain general; Carl W. Evertsen, Marshfield, grand senior warden; Olaf Laurgaard, Portland, grand junior warden; John B. Cleland, Portland, re-elected grand treasurer; Dr. Rufus Cheney, Portland, re-elected grand recorder. Appointive officers made known were W. W. Youngson, Portland, E. grand prelate; Edwin O. Potter, Eugene, E. grand standard bearer; J. H. Thompson, E. grand sword bearer; Milton H. Sanford, Astoria, E. grand warden; Rex W. Davis, Salem, E. grand captain of guard.

Following the installation of Mr. Weider, Walter Winslow of Salem, representing the DeMolay commandery of Salem, which Mr. Weider is a member, presented him with a beautiful floral tribute from the local group. The address of John Campbell of Seattle, junior grand warden of the grand campment of the United States, representing the grand master, and an eulogy of David P. Mason, past grand commander given by Judge Percy R. Kelly marked high points in the closing meeting Wednesday. The grand lodge has been in session since Monday and has been attended by about 400 Masons and a group of about 30 wives of Masons. The delegates came from all parts of the state. It is expected that the next session of the three bodies will be held in Portland where the grand chapter will convene on the meeting in April of 1933. No definite action was taken.

TROUBLE LOOMS IN MANCHURIAN STATE Communist Hand is Seen in Affairs; Find Railway Is Heavily Mined

SHANGHAI, April 14.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Growing unrest against the new Manchurian regime of Mr. Henry Pu-Yi was indicated in Manchuria and in north China dispatches today. Dispatches from Harbin said that throughout the northwest part of Heilungjiang province Korean Chinese command troops were assisting rebellious troops against the Manchoukuo forces. Service on the Chinese eastern railway east of Harbin was stopped with the discovery that various sections of the line were underlaid with explosives, the dispatches said. General Mah Chan-Shan the Chinese hero of the Nonni river battle against the Japanese last fall, later alleged to have become a "puppet" in the Japanese advised Manchoukuo government against the traitor in Chinese circles today was reported to have said he intended opposing the new regime. Meanwhile a difficult situation arose from the league commission as the Japanese assessor attached to the commission was reported to have warned Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese assessor, that if the latter entered Manchuria, he was likely to be exposed to personal danger.

NAZARENE LEADERS CONTINUE SESSIONS

Report of the nominating committee named yesterday is expected to be the feature of today's business session of the Northwest Nazarene church conference, in the city of Portland, today. On the committee is J. E. Bates, district superintendent of Portland; Rev. Fletcher Galloway of the host church; A. C. Metcalfe of Vancouver; B. C. Donnell J. Smith, First church, Portland; R. M. Parks, First church, Seattle; G. C. Crockett, Calvary church, Portland; and A. J. Schocke, First church, Vancouver. J. S. Maddox of Monroe was yesterday appointed musical director of the day sessions of the assembly and Dr. C. Dixon of Grants Pass, assembly treasurer. Among the interesting reports given yesterday was that of Rev. H. D. Brown of Seattle, chairman of the historical committee. Dr. E. F. Reynolds, general superintendent of Ohio, brought the Wednesday morning address on Acts 13:2. Rev. George Franklin, missionary from India talked last night.

Friday Doesn't Intend to Come Two Days Early

LOS ANGELES, April 13.—(AP)—B. E. Friday was scheduled to appear before Judge Alfred Paonessa today to answer a traffic violation but Friday didn't come on Wednesday, so the court said. "Where's Mr. Friday on this Wednesday?" And the clerk said, maybe factiously, "Friday will be here in a couple of days." But the judge was in no mood for joking and he issued a bench warrant for Friday because it was Wednesday and there was no Friday. So it readily can be seen, though impossible it seems, that if Friday had come on Wednesday—but why bring that up again. MCKAY TO TALK Douglas McKay, president of the Salem chamber of commerce and candidate for mayor, will address the members of the Fraternal club at their meeting tonight at 8:30 at the Spa. He has not as yet announced the subject of his talk.

Knight Templar Head of Oregon

Edward L. Weider, former deputy grand commander, was installed as grand commander to succeed Norman L. Croust of Portland.

HIGHWAY BOOSTER GROUP IS PLANNED

Gregory Calls Meet; Some Opposition to Divided Effort Develops

At the call of Mayor P. M. Gregory, men interested in improvement of the Pacific highway between Salem and Portland met the chamber of commerce last night to organize a temporary "East Side Highway Improvement Club." Of those present, eight were from the Hollywood district and eight, who termed themselves merely "gluckers," from Salem, Woodburn and Milwaukie.

While no final action was taken to create the new organization, a second meeting was called to be held at the chamber of commerce here on Tuesday, April 26. Toward the close of the meeting, Dr. Gerald B. Smith of Woodburn, president of the Salem-Portland branch of the Oregon Pacific Highway association, announced that he had not participated in any formal action concerning the proposed club and added: "We have a better organization in the Salem branch of the Oregon Pacific Highway association. It seems just here in Salem that we are divided."

Purposes of New Group Outlined The proposed set-up which would more or less duplicate the existing Salem-Portland branch of the Oregon Pacific Highway association, is as follows: An "East Side Highway Improvement Club" with membership representative of towns and cities between Harborsburg and East Portland, seeking the following: "First, permanent construction and maintenance of the Pacific highway from Junction City to East Portland via Oregon City on the route between Harborsburg and East Portland, seeking the following: "Second, retain present alignment through cities and towns, except for elimination of dangerous curves; "Third, bridges of four-lane width; "Fourth, under-drainage in place of present ditches; "Fifth, provision for keeping the highway open during periods of construction."

ARREST FIVE MORE FOR POOR BRAKES

Continuing their local drive to ferret out automobiles having defective brakes, city and state police yesterday arrested five more motorists.

Cited to appear in municipal court on the defective brake charge were the following: F. H. Bailey, 525 South Winter street; Carl Spencer, 1145 Norway street; E. D. Cooke of Scotts Mills; A. J. Amell, 2363 State street; and Herman O. Wiltner, 1145 North 13th street.

Five motorists were fined \$1 each when they pleaded guilty to this charge before Judge Mark Poulsen yesterday: A. M. Brown, D. B. McCarroll, George Dalley and W. S. Sedore.

King County to Issue Warrants

SEATTLE, Apr. 13.—(AP)—Unprecedented outlays for county welfare relief were blamed in tonight by County Auditor George A. Grant in announcing that King county will go on a warrant basis on Thursday. He revealed he had been negotiating with banks to accept the warrants but declined to reveal the rate of interest that would be paid.

JESSIE WORKS ON LINDBERGH CASE FURTHER

Evidence of Intrigue With Many "Go-Betweens" in Deal now Appears

One of Ransom Bills Found But Tracing Impossible As Trail is "Cold"

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 13.—(AP)—The 72-year-old "Jasie" of the Lindbergh case rode an elevated train and a motor car in quest of new contacts with the kidnapers today while police followed the trail of one of the bills he used in a futile \$50,000 ransom payment.

Still confident of his ability to negotiate further with the abductors, the retired educator, D. John F. Condon, appeared and disappeared from his New York home with amazing rapidity. A strange incident which occurred in front of Dr. Condon's home about 8 o'clock tonight heightened the belief that extensive efforts involving numerous "go-betweens" were being made to conduct renewed communication with the kidnapers.

Mysterious Visitor At Condon's Home A closed car bearing a carefully dressed middle aged, bespectacled man parked opposite the Condon home after maneuvering about with its lights cut off. The occupant, apparently nervous, crossed the street and walked past the educator's residence after hesitating several times. A few steps farther at the street corner he met another man and an exchange of papers took place.

The first man also made several notes on a piece of paper. He then retraced his steps and rang the door bell at the Condon home, speaking briefly with Dr. Condon's friend and bodyguard, Al Reich, on one time boxer. He entered his car and drove away while the man he met at the corner entered another car and departed.

Meanwhile, a New York housewife, whose interest in the fate of the stolen son of the Lindberghs led her to check the numbers on her husband's currency, gave authorities a new clue to pursue. Mrs. David Isaac found that a \$20 bill her husband had obtained at a branch bank bore one of the numbers announced by the treasury. Officials of the bank were able to say only that the bill came to them either Monday, April 4 or the following day. A formal statement confirmed this afternoon that the ransom was paid Saturday, April 2.

ELECTRIC COMPANY CONTRACT OPPOSED

PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—A formal objection to a contract between the Northwest Electric company and the Electric Bond & Share company was entered in the record today by Charles M. Thomas, Oregon public utilities commissioner, who is conducting a hearing here looking toward downward revision of the northwestern's rate structure. The contract between the two companies, testimony revealed, provides for certain supervisory services on the part of the Electric Bond & Share company for which approximately 1.5 per cent of gross revenues of the Northwestern are paid annually. Thomas said he regarded these services as superfluous in nature and the contract itself "null and void."

Last year payments under the contract amounted to \$54,811 and in 1928 they ran as high as \$67,000. C. R. Lester, chief engineer of the commissioner, testified.

LARGE SEDAN STOLEN Lewis D. Griffith, 1456 head street, reported to police headquarters last night that his large sedan, license 703-371, had been stolen from High street and Fawk avenue.

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Legionnaires Will Hear 'Victory' Radio Program

Capital post No. 9 of the American Legion will meet Monday night at 6 o'clock at which time every American Legion post in the United States will be in session to celebrate the membership drive and to listen to the national radio "Victory Membership Broadcast." The broadcast will begin at 7 o'clock and all members of recent standing, even if they have not paid their dues, are invited to attend, stated R. H. Bassett. The program for the meeting includes a pot luck supper at 6 o'clock, the national radio broadcast at 7 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock the regular business meetings of the American Legion and of the Auxiliary will be held.

Al Smith Smites at Roosevelt; Critical Of Appeal to Class

Offers to Give Wife and Son as Lindy Hostages

NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—Paul Rizzo, 38, Brooklyn aviator, announced tonight he would deliver his own wife and seven-month-old son, Paul, Jr., to the kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby as hostages for the safe delivery of ransom.

Rizzo said he made his unique proposal with the "full approval of my wife, with whom I have lived happily for four years." "I'm a father," said Rizzo, "and I know how Lindbergh feels."

MRS. MASSIE PART IN SLAYING HINTED

Brings First Tears to Eyes Of Mother; Prosecution Rests Case Today

HONOLULU, April 13.—(AP)—The key reserve of Mrs. Granville Fortescue broke and melted into tears today as the prosecution drew the name of her daughter into the Joseph Kahahawai lynching case and produced evidence that a shot had been heard in her home about the time the young Hawaiian was killed. First the society matron gave way to her emotions when the prosecution hinted that Mrs. Massie, victim of an asserted attack by Kahahawai, and four other men, may have been possible accomplices in the lynching. Again Mrs. Fortescue controlled (Turn to page 2, col. 3.)

ROW IN OKLAHOMA OFFICIALDOM SEEN

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 13.—(AP)—A prolonged row between Governor W. H. Murray and Lieut. Governor Robert Burns over Burns' order halting all work on a state sub-penitentiary project appeared probable tonight. With the governor rushing home from a cancelled speaking tour in Oregon, Burns announced that if Murray countermands his order, he will renew it "next time I am acting governor." Burns ordered construction at the prison site to cease when he received an opinion from Attorney General J. Berry King, holding expenditures by the board of affairs on the project illegal. "The legality of the case probably will be tested by some taxpayer," Burns said. "If Governor Murray countermands my order, I will not do anything as lieutenant governor, but I will pursue the same course when I am acting governor, if the governor leaves the state again."

Don, Why Don't You Buy Folks Nice New Lock

MEDFORD, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—The Faber store at Central Point was burglarized last night but it failed to create much of a stir among the natives. The store has been robbed twice a year on the average, for the past 20 years. Last night \$4 in cash, some cigarettes, snuff and provisions were stolen.

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War Mothers to Plant Trees at Hospital Today

Salem chapter, American War Mothers, will hold tree planting ceremonies on the Salem General hospital lawn this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when two trees given to the hospital by the chapter will be set.

Mrs. F. L. Waters, president of the local chapter, will make the presentation and Mrs. Mabel Lockwood will assist. Recognition of the gift will be made by Mrs. Mildred Lenoire, general superintendent of the hospital.

Two Are Killed As Car Strikes Viaduct Railing

LA GRANDE, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. James Dalton of North Powder were injured fatally and their son, Wiley, was seriously hurt in an automobile accident near Telocasset today. Mrs. Dalton died in an ambulance which was taking her to the Hot Lakes sanatorium and her husband died there later. Wiley Dalton is expected to recover. The car, driven by the older man, crashed into the guard railing of a highway viaduct.

Departs From Promise Not to Oppose or Aid Candidate Lukewarm Reception Given Proposal to Cancel Debts WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Modifying his previous statements that he would not support or favor any candidate for the democratic presidential nomination before the national convention, Alfred E. Smith tonight hurled a direct challenge to the aspirations of the democratic party's leading candidate—Franklin D. Roosevelt. Speaking as titular head of the party before thousands gathered at a Jefferson day banquet in the Willard hotel, the 1928 nominee quoted from Roosevelt's recent radio address referring to him by name and said: "I will take off my coat and vest and fight to the bitter end any candidate who persists in any demagogic appeal to the masses of the working people of this country to destroy themselves by setting class against class and rich against poor." Roosevelt absent; Accorded Applause Roosevelt, who is now far in the lead for the nomination with 218 pledged and claimed delegates, could not be here and saying unemployment and economy problems required his attention at Albany at this time. Smith was applauded frequently but not a telegram from him expressing regret he could not be here and saying unemployment and economy problems required his attention at Albany at this time. Smith was applauded frequently but not a telegram from him expressing regret he could not be here and saying unemployment and economy problems required his attention at Albany at this time. (Turn to page 2, col. 3.)