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SHERIFF FACES CHARGES FILED BY GRAND JURY

Negligence in Connection With Prisoner Escape Is Laid to Burk

Official Refuses to Make Statement; McMahan Is Disqualified

Investigations carried on intermittently for several months by the Marion county grand jury into the affairs of the sheriff's office yesterday culminated in arrest of Sheriff A. C. Burk on two secret indictments returned late Monday.

One indictment charges the sheriff with "negligently suffering and permitting a person to escape from the county jail" and the other "voluntarily suffering a prisoner to escape."

The arrest was made by County Coroner L. E. Barrick about 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning in the hall on the second floor of the courthouse. Burk obviously knew, when the secret indictments returned by the grand jury were not placed in his possession as customary, what was up, for when he saw Barrick in the courthouse he approached him with the remark, "Well, give them here."

Release of Craig Is Deemed Illegal

The indictment on permitting a person to escape from the jail has to do with one Charles Craig, committed to the county jail from justice court October 28, 1933, whom the indictment charges Burk allowed to leave the jail after 50 days, over four months short of the six months the court gave Craig on an automobile theft charge.

The other indictment is outgrowth of the jail escape February 9, in which the prisoners involved were Melvin Strand, Patrick Cain and Carl McKinney. The indictment charges that Strand, a trustee, was permitted possession of keys to the county jail.

It was shortly after this jail break, which netted the escapes only brief freedom, that the grand jury took under investigation matters in the sheriff's office. This investigation took on also workings in the tax collecting department, with a resultant clean bill there by the auditors from the state house.

Sheriff Burk immediately engaged John Carson and Allan Carson as his attorneys, and declined during the day to make any statements, saying any that were made would come from his attorneys. They had nothing to say on the case last night.

Burk's attorneys yesterday filed motion for change of judges, based on affidavit of prejudice signed by the sheriff. Order had not been entered from Judge L. H. McMahan yesterday transferring the case to Judge L. G. Lewelling, presiding over department two of the Marion county circuit court. Lewelling, however, let it be known he would not sit on the case, and it is expected application will be made shortly to have the chief justice of the state supreme court assign a judge to the bench here for trial of the sheriff.

McMahan Announces He Is Disqualified

Judge McMahan, before affidavit of prejudice was filed, stated he had disqualified himself to sit in the case. He appeared as a witness before the grand jury on both charges, and probably, for the first time in history of court cases here, jurors will hear testimony from the circuit judge when the case comes to trial.

Other witnesses called before the grand jury, besides Burk who appeared at his own request on both charges, were: On the Craig matter, Newell Williams, recently discharged by Burk as his chief deputy; Walter Lamkin, clerk of

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DISPLAY OF WOODS TO CLOSE TONIGHT

Townspeople today have their last opportunity to see a unique display—the West Coast Lumbermen's association having on exhibit seven models of homes and an array of building materials in the lobby of the Hotel Salem. The exhibit, which appeared at the National Housing show in Portland last week, was brought to Salem by R. A. Meyer of the J. W. Copeland lumber yards here which is the Salem sponsor for the exhibit.

Hundreds of people saw the display yesterday and even larger attendance is expected today by Mr. Meyer. A feature of the show here is a display of model farm buildings made by 4-H club boys from Turner, Hayesville and Salem.

The show will be open to the public without charge through today and tonight.

Portland Bootlegger Of Prohi Days Sought In Weyerhaeuser Case

Lived Near Kidnap Victim, Once Had Still at Issaquah; First Ransom Bill Found at Huntington; is Being Traced

PORLTND, Ore., June 4.—(AP)—Captain Jack Keegan of the Portland police detectives tonight said he advised Tacoma authorities to look for a former Portland bootlegger for questioning regarding the George Weyerhaeuser kidnapping.

A Portland man supplied officers here with a tip which turned the search to the man who formerly was a rum runner both in Oregon and Washington.

The former rum king has not been reported seen since the kidnapping.

"I sent detectives to Tacoma and we turned the information over to federal agents and officials in Tacoma," Keegan said. "I don't know how much stock they are taking in it, but I'm taking part."

"We gave them the information even before the return of the boy."

The missing man suggested as possibly the "pot-bellied man" in the kidnapping, operated his last still in the vicinity of Issaquah where little nine-year-old George Weyerhaeuser was freed. The still was raided.

The man lived in Tacoma, near the Weyerhaeuser home, it was said.

Federal agents at Tacoma declined to comment on the information.

The rum-running gang which the operator in question headed, was one of the last to break up and in the opinion of the Portland man who instigated the (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

MOST OF SAWMILL MEN SEEK RETURN

Postal Vote at Tacoma is Overwhelmingly For Accepting Terms

TACOMA, June 4.—(P)—An overwhelming majority of Tacoma lumber workers, employees of nine of the larger plants here, want to return to their jobs on terms contained in the 4-L schedule recently proffered, tabulation of a secret postal ballot revealed here today.

The vote to return to work was almost 7 to 1, or almost 87 per cent of the vote cast on the question while the proportion of those making a return on the questionnaire was little more than 60 per cent of the number to whom ballots were sent.

Of the 1752 cards mailed out by the employee committee which sponsored the test vote, 1068 were returned, but four were rejected by the committee for irregularities, leaving 1064 for computation purposes. Of these, 935 registered a "yes" to the question of returning to work on the proposed terms of a 50-cent-per-hour minimum wage and increases running from 5 to 10 cents per hour, with other conditions the same as before the strike of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' union called on May 6.

Even were all those who failed to vote regarded as opposed to returning to work, there would still be a clear majority of 98 for accepting the offered settlement. Such an assumption is regarded as wholly illogical, however.

Judge Harry Belt, president of the Izaak Walton league, will appoint someone to represent that group Thursday and others who have already decided to go are Joseph A. Hermann from the chamber of commerce sports department; Conrad Frigaard and Otto White from the Salem Ski club; N. J. Billings from the Hunters' and Anglers' association; Dr. F. L. Utter or George N. Fiske from the Chemeketans, and Howard J. Grimm.

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CAPITOL BLAST TERRIFIC; TWO PERSONS HURT

Twenty Windows Broken in Willamette Buildings; Blowup is 'Success'

Calculations Amiss Due to Rock Under Dynamite; Damage Made Good

Only a miracle of good fortune early yesterday averted serious injury to scores of spectators when 1250-pound charges of dynamite, set off simultaneously under the south and east walls of the old capitol, exploded with such force that heavy rock was hurled as far as three blocks from the structure.

Only Dorothy Alexander, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander, was painfully injured by the explosion. She received face cuts when the window of the room where she was sleeping at the Patton home on Court street, broke and injured her face. She had gone there the night before the blast to visit a friend. One spectator, unidentified, was knocked down by a falling rock, but quickly recovered.

Buildings on the Willamette university campus, 450 feet from the site of the explosion, were damaged, 18 windows being broken in Eaton, while one was broken in Waller hall and two were smashed in Science hall, a thousand feet from the explosion. A 50-pound boulder crashed through the roof of the university grandstand and rocks estimated to weigh 250 pounds were buried in the lawn of the campus.

Spectators Scurry As Rocks Fall Down

Spectators a hundred in number, had lined up on the campus preparation to make good on the loss to the adjacent property, to watch the explosion. They scattered furiously as a hail of rocks and boulders came their way after the explosion. Cameramen shot their pictures and dashed for cover.

On Court street, a rock slashed through the roof of the Charles K. Spaulding residence and some damage was done to the home of Justice Henry Bean of the supreme court. A large hole was torn in the roof of the car owned by William Poorman which was parked on Court street. Branches were stripped from trees in the capitol grounds and a portion of the temporary fence surrounding the capitol was demolished.

Fred Leary, in charge of therazing job, said more powder by far was used yesterday morning than had been placed under the west wall Monday. Leary said the severe explosion was caused by the fact that the dynamite struck rock below it yesterday whereas a large part of the force of the Monday explosion was lost because the dynamite was spent in soft earth below the wall.

Fifty separate charges of dynamite were placed before the explosion. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

AUTO RACES HERE PLANNED FOR 4TH

Probability that automobile races under the direction of Bobby Rowe who is now directing these events at the Speed Bowl near Portland, will be added to the Fourth of July attractions at the fairgrounds here, was reported following the meeting of the American Legion committee in charge Tuesday night. Rowe attended the meeting and promised, if the attraction were signed, to bring not only his Speed Bowl stars, but some also from the Astor track in California and others who have been racing in the east.

A representative of a fireworks company was present and signed up for fireworks attractions which will be principally set pieces for the enjoyment of those in the grandstand, rather than for persons outside the grounds.

It was decided that in case rain fell on the Fourth, the races and fireworks would be postponed until Saturday, July 6.

Marshall Berry Harvest Will Be Short, Forecast

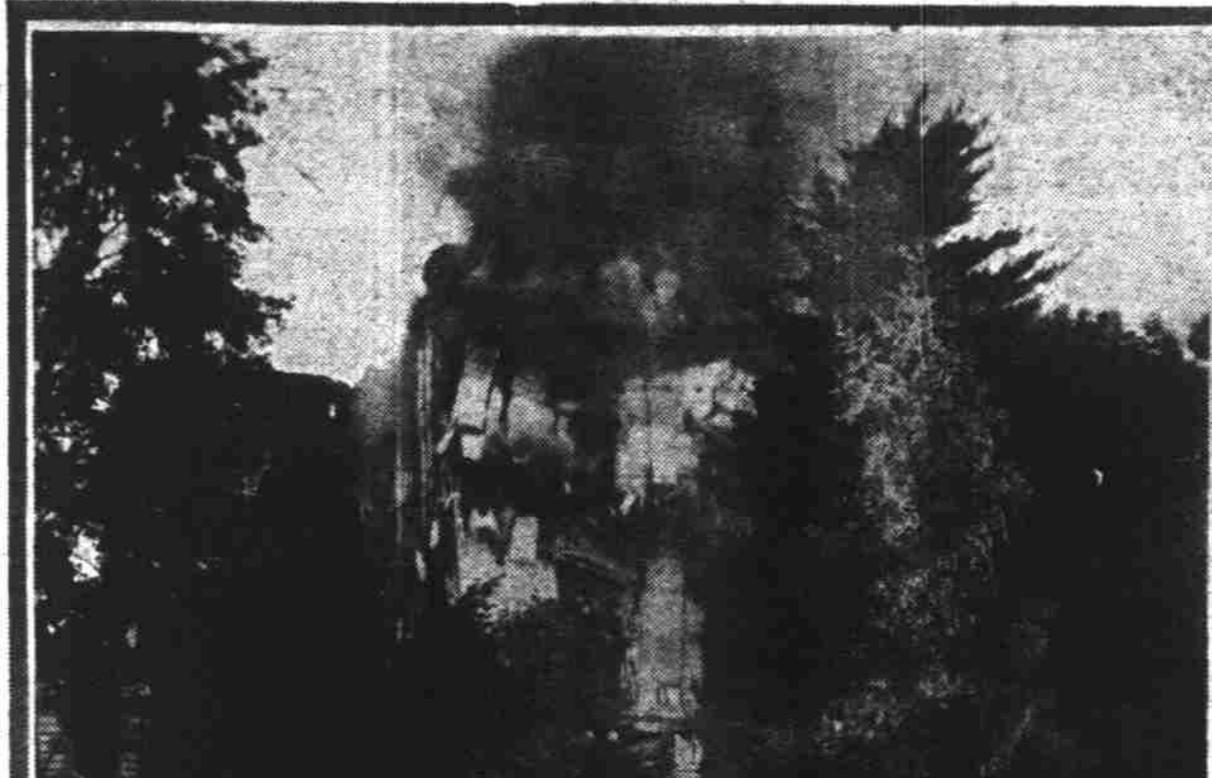
The Marshall strawberry harvest will be a short one, unless rains come and come soon, according to reports coming in from most sections of the county. Need for rain is not so great for the later ripening berries.

The weather forecast for today gives no hopes to berry growers and farmers who wish for rain to put their grain fields in the growing mood. Some reports have come in from the south end indicating that some grains there will not be worth cutting if a good downpour does not come shortly.

Army engineers and city officials feared the full crest of the Kaw, roaring into the Missouri, would bring flood conditions at

\$20,000,000.

PEACEFUL SALEM WAKES UP WITH JOLT



McEWAN



Salem residents whose habit it is to snooze later than 6 a.m., lost part of their beauty sleep Tuesday morning when a gigantic blast set off to shatter the walls of the ruined capitol building, did all of that and in addition broke scores of windows as fragments were hurled for blocks, and caused injuries to two persons. Top picture was taken at the moment of the blast, showing sections of the walls dropping away; lower picture, some of the results. —Cut courtesy Oregon Journal.

EXPECT ARREST IN KIDNAP CASE SOON

Tigard Minister New State Head Of Lions Clubs

Finding of Bill and Other Developments Raise "G" Men's Hope

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TACOMA, Wash., June 4.—(P)—The trail of George Weyerhaeuser was re-enacted this morning with passing of the first ransom bill in eastern Oregon, and the statement of a justice department spokesman that the case will "break wide open in 48 hours."

The assertion concerning the "break" came but a short time after the first ransom bill in the kidnapping came to light, and all the cunning of the justice department's criminal hunters had been thrown into a search for the suspect.

"This case will break wide open in 48 hours," the spokesman said. "The ransom money is loose now."

He added his belief that "a local" —that is Seattle and Tacoma men —was responsible.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 4.—(P)—The man in the tan suit and broad hat who bought a ticket Sunday evening in Huntington, Ore., and boarded train No. 14, presumably for Salt Lake City after paying for the transportation with a \$20 bill listed in the \$20,000 ransom paid for 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, Wash., never reached this city, if the memory of Conductor David P. Squires is relied upon.

No. 14 is an eastbound train, with a Pullman sleeper cutting out at Pocatello for Salt Lake City.

Another crew handled the train as far as Pocatello, and Mr. Squires took over the supervision of the Salt Lake section at that point. He recalls three men, all of them traveling on railroad passes, who were on the Salt Lake City sleeper.

Bouisson, who firmly refused to make the attempt again.

Edouard Herriot, whose cabinet fell several years ago because he insisted upon payment of war debts to America, was widely regarded as the president's next choice.

The powerful radical socialist party, headed by Herriot, voted to join independent socialists in a resolution calling for a cabinet with a large left majority and a limited program safeguarding the present regime.

Heavy police reinforcements were rushed to the chamber shortly after the deputies voted 264 to 262 against Fernand Bouisson's four day old "save the franc" ministry on its demand for sweeping powers to defend the currency.

Falling on all sides, many deputies believed Lebrun would request Bouisson to resume his power and

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TOMATO RECIPES TOPIC THIS WEEK

Many Coming in; Thursday Noon is Deadline; More Veal Ideas Given

Tomato recipes are coming in to the Round Table this week with marked success. There is still ample time to enter your favorite tomato recipe, however, in the contest and you may win a cash prize.

Oscar D. "Frosty" Olson, past president of the Salem Lions club, was elected president of the district key members' association. Olson holds a master key for having secured 12 new members.

Just copy down the recipe listing all the ingredients first, then tell how they are combined and last, how many it serves. Send to the food editor of The Statesman before Thursday noon.

More veal ideas follow:

Jellied Veal

1 lb. veal
1 quart water
1 tablespoon gelatin
juice of ½ lemon
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 cup cream
salt and pepper to taste

Use bony piece of veal such as cuts from the neck and shoulders. Cook slowly until tender in the water. Separate meat from the bones. Put meat through a grinder, using the fine knife. Soften gelatin in ¼ cup cold water and add to the hot meat

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FORTY-FOOT SNOW FOUND AT SUMMIT

BEND, Ore., June 4.—(P)—Gouging out a crevass-like trench through ice and snow, a rotary snow plow today was making slow progress on its persistent grind to open the McKenzie pass highway to western Oregon.

The big rotary which started up the grade more than two weeks ago was boring through packed snow 25 feet deep today with one drift towering some 40 feet above the road on the south wall of the big highway cut.

It is the heaviest snow ever measured on the stormy pass. Reports from Sisters indicated the rotary was about half-way through the cut. A breakdown yesterday halted the work temporarily.

Dynamite is being used in an attempt to loosen the moisture-laden pack, but the snow quickly settles back into a glacier-like mass, necessitating further use of powder directly ahead of the plow.

Woman Injured As Autos Smash

Mrs. J. L. Mitchell, Salem route two, suffered shock and bruises as the result of an automobile accident involving J. L. Mitchell and Kenneth H. Fowler.

The two cars were traveling on Mission street at 8:45 o'clock last night. Her injuries were not believed serious.

A minor collision involving Al Clark, route three, and S. Ostrach, Los Angeles, at Commercial and Mission streets was reported to police last night.

THE WEATHER

Fair today and Thursday, high temperature, low humidity; Max. Temp. Tuesday 90, Min. 40, river .6 foot, northerly winds.