

Harland, Young Chosen School Directors

Richardson Tells Juvenile Details of Frugal Life

Holds Drager Helped Hiding Of Shortages

75-Year-Old Deputy Goes Through Sums Spent in 23 Years

Tells of Having Bought one Suit in 10 Years, Simple Life

Defense of W. Y. "York" Richardson, former deputy Marion county treasurer, took shape yesterday as the 75-year-old man mounted the witness stand in his own behalf at his trial in circuit court on a charge of larceny of \$23,520.41 of public money.

Detail by detail, Richardson added up sums he had spent during the last 23 years on mining ventures and conduct of his simple household and then itemized his meagre income from the mines, his salary as deputy treasurer, returns from his few walnut trees, his cows, a wood cutting enterprise and taking in boarders.

The elderly defendant's estimates of income totaled \$35,500, roughly, while his approximate expenditures aggregated \$31,400, according to his testimony.

Charges Drager Figured Shortage Earlier in the day the ex-deputy had declared that:

1. Treasurer D. G. Drager, who was jointly indicted with him, had assisted in figuring "erroneous" shortages and helped pick out the warrants to be used to make up the shortage every year.

2. He, Richardson, had never altered the date on a warrant.

3. For each one of the 62 county checks the state sought to prove he had issued for personal business he had put an equivalent sum of money back in the treasury.

4. Both he and Drager had "cashed lots of outside checks as accommodation and this was not limited to courthouse employees."

5. Both men had often taken out their salaries in advance but Richardson, and as far as he knew, Drager, too, had always repaid the county.

Defense attempts to introduce county checks drawn by Drager and identify them through Richardson as representing personal business caused an early adjournment when Francis E. Marsh, prosecutor, insisted on knowing if the defendant were certain of his own knowledge or only surmising in his answers that the checks did represent private transactions.

A similar issue arose last week on an objection to hearsay testimony, when the defense sought the same information in cross-examining Floyd K. Bowers, state auditor-witness.

"I believe Mr. Richardson was in that office long enough to know about those things," his attorney, Edwin Keech, asserted.

But Marsh declared that "as prosecutor in this case, it is not only my duty to prosecute these men but to protect them from incompetent evidence."

Marsh said he had "no objection to any check once it is definitely proven that that was private business."

Asking if it were not possible to ferret the desired information from the county's records overnight, Judge L. H. McMahan adjourned the session at 3:37 p. m. until 9:30 a. m. today.

Whether or not Treasurer D. G. Drager may be called in to (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Progress Is Seen In Frisco Parley

SAN FRANCISCO, June 19—(AP)—"Some progress" was reported by Dr. Louis Bloch, maritime labor board member who tonight began efforts to settle the San Francisco waterfront dispute and bring a resumption of dock work interrupted since Saturday morning.

Dr. Bloch met tonight with employer representatives, and announced after the meeting he would confer with employe members at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

There were no immediate signs of a settlement.

Father of Slain 10-Weeks Infant



Ervin Fink, divorced husband of Mrs. Velma Fink, who was formally charged yesterday with the murder of her 10-weeks old son after confessing Saturday that she threw the child in a creek near her Clyde, O., home. She had been divorced from Fink little over a month. (IN)

Slate Slab Drops On Miners. 6 Hurt

Three Men not Expected to Recover in Gem Mine Disaster

ST. CHARLES, Va., June 19—(AP)—A two-ton slab of slate crashed down on a string of cars a mile underground in the Kemmer Gem mine near St. Charles today, and injured six miners, three so seriously they were not expected to recover.

The slate slab, about 30 feet long, struck the third and fourth cars of a string of 14 which was bringing 33 miners to the surface. Steel bars and railroad jacks were used to lift the slate.

The first three cars were cut loose from the string and the injured men were brought to the surface and rushed to a hospital in Pennington Gap. The mine entrance was not blocked by the fall.

Mine Car Motorman Ike Fufts said the string of cars was approaching a hill at the time and that he stopped the cars as quickly as possible after the slate fell.

The injured: Chris Hilton, spine fractured. B. Givens, head and chest injuries and a broken leg. Dudley Gilliam, broken leg and other injuries.

Rucker Jones, head and chest injuries. Hack Milton, head injuries. Buster Ball, slight back injury. Chris Hilton, Givens and Gilliams were given only a scant chance to recover.

Arkansas Shaken By Earth Tremor

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 19—(AP)—South Arkansas, from Little Rock to the Louisiana line, was shaken sharply today by a brief earthquake. No damage was reported from the tremor which lasted only a few seconds.

St. Louis university's seismograph at St. Louis recorded the quake for about five minutes, beginning at 5:44.23 p. m. (CST).

At Arkadelphia, in south Arkansas alarmed citizens ran out of buildings and a theater audience left midway of a picture.

Stoll's Naming as Job Head Revealed at Labor Conclave

EUGENE, Ore., June 19—(AP)—L. C. Stoll's appointment as director of the Oregon state employment service, was disclosed here tonight when Gov. Charles A. Sprague addressed the 37th annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Labor.

Stoll has been acting director since the resignation March 23 of Fred C. Lintner.

Gov. Sprague told the federation he wanted to aid in providing "fair, decent wages and working conditions" in Oregon.

He said there "is a fair level of employment in both agriculture and industry and the wage level is fairly well maintained." Unemployment has decreased from 17.2

Blocked Area Now Isolated By hot Wires

Japanese Install Fence of High Voltage Wire to Aid Block Women and Children May Be Shipped Away From Danger Region

By J. D. WHITE
TIENSIN, June 20—(Tuesday)

(AP)—A thousand volts of electricity isolated the British and French concessions today, threatening possible death to any who dared to slip past Japanese sentries.

The Japanese who established their military blockade last Wednesday whipped high tension wires (their danger depending on one's physical condition and the amperage or pressure of the current) around the concessions late last night.

The electric barricade was directed primarily at those Chinese trying to smuggle in food.

A spokesman for the British said they were ready "to fight it out," but arranged that women and children should go on Wednesday to Chinwangtao and Peitaiho, coastal resorts, to relieve the demand for water and food, because of the excessive heat, and because normally they go there in the summer. The seasonal transfer had been interrupted by the blockade.

Some fresh food was entering (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Crew of Squalus Re-Enacts Diving

Builder Testifies Valve Might Have Been bad as Probe Opens

PORTSMOUTH, N.H., June 19—(AP)—Here was the closed hatch of a diver submarine, Lieutenant Oliver F. Naquin re-enacted for a naval inquiry board today the operations aboard his submersible, the Squalus, prior to her fatal plunge to the ocean bottom almost a month ago.

Earlier, as high ranking officers in full-dress opened the investigation at Portsmouth navy yard, the first witness testified that a faulty instruction valve might have allowed tons of water to pour into the Squalus, which still holds 26 of her men entombed in 240 feet of water 15 miles off this port.

The first day of the public inquiry was not without its dramatic incidents.

There was a tense moment as the "coney" opened in a large, rectangular room, hung with blueprints of the ill-fated craft.

Rear Admiral William T. Tarrant, head of the investigating board, turned toward the Squalus' commander.

"Have you any complaint," the admiral asked, "against any of the surviving members of the crew?"

"No," Gagin answered quietly. Then, his 33 surviving officers and men were asked if they had any complaint against their commander's conduct, and one might (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Baxter Urges Lion Members To Aid Youth

International Director Lauds Ideal of Good Government

Elections Are to Take Place at Sessions This Morning

Four hundred Lions and Lionesses of Oregon attended the banquet and dance at the Salem armory which closed the second day of the state convention. William H. Baxter of Seattle, a director of Lions International, was the principal speaker.

In addition to a sparkling program, the occasion was enlivened by the efforts of Tallwister Bob Lewis.

Director Baxter emphasized the principles of good government, good citizenship and good fellowship as exemplified in Lionism, pointing out to humanity's gains in the latter respect from the time when robbery and murder were meritorious acts if the victims were strangers. He also emphasized Lions' opportunity to assist youth, directly and by example.

Called Upon Others called upon to speak briefly by Toastmaster George A. Rossman, state supreme court justice, were the three district governors, Clyde Alonzo Marsh of Portland, Elmer Albert Woodman of Newport and Albert L. Verne Hawn of Eugene; Al Ramseyer, president of the Salem club, and O. D. "Frosty" Olson, general chairman of the convention committee. Earl Snell, secretary of state and banquet chairman, presented Director Baxter with an Oregon myrtle wood cane.

At yesterday morning's session the Lions unanimously adopted a new constitution which provides for a continuation of the present system of multiple governorship and a change in the central organization.

A growth of more than 300 in membership in the state in the last year was reported by O. F. Eason, secretary.

For Today Election of officers will take place at this morning's business session, scheduled for 9 o'clock. Selection of next year's convention city will also be made. Yesterday Marshfield, represented by a group of men attired as pirates, appeared to have no opposition for the convention site.

Key members will be honored at the presidents and secretaries breakfast at the Marion hotel this morning at 7. The convention will close with a steak dinner and entertainment at Silver Creek Falls state park at 1 today.

Serving of the world's largest (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

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Leaders Told Vote to Be Had no Matter how Much Delay

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Such a repealer is contained in the Hull neutrality bill, the administration measure.

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Snow plows will work on the rim road around the lake beginning tomorrow.

Late Sports

SILVERTON, June 19—Although Gianni, plinking for Lorne Elder, struck out 15 batsmen, Silverwood of Portland edged out a 3-2 victory in eight innings (one over time) over the valley team in the second pre-tournament semi-pro game here tonight.

LIONS CUT "WORLD'S LARGEST" PIE

They cut "world's largest" cherry pie at Oregon district Lions club convention opening at Salem armory Sunday night. Top photo: left to right, O. D. "Frosty" Olson, convention arrangements chairman; Secretary of State Earl Snell, who cut first piece; Glenn Gregg, who supervised baking; William Henry Baxter, Seattle, Lions International director, who ate first piece; Cherrians E. E. Shade, Jack Dewey, Frank Chantas and King Bing Harold Busick. Notables, below, attended first business session yesterday: top row, left to right, O. D. Olson, Secretary Snell, Governor Charles A. Sprague, Mayor W. W. Chadwick, C. W. Bishop, Chicago, International representative; O. F. Tate, district secretary. Lower row: Albert Hawn, Elmer Albert Woodman, district governors; Director Baxter, and Clyde Marsh, district governor.



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Two baggers by Beck and Jensen of Silverwood broke the deadlock.

Race Is Close As Bradford, Neptune Lose

Vote Is Record as 3067 Cast Ballots in hot School Race

Harland Leads Field With 1595 Vote; Young Heads Neptune by 40

Runningmates Roy Harland and Donald A. Young swept School Directors T. A. Bradford and W. F. Neptune out of office by narrow but decisive margins in an annual Salem school election yesterday that brought out a record breaking total of 3067 votes.

The incumbent board members went down fighting, however, amid election board tallies that ran so close that doubt surrounded the outcome until the counters had announced their final, reckoned returns.

The vote:
Harland, 1595.
Young, 1534.
Neptune, 1494.
Bradfield, 1453.

Split into precincts for the first time in years, the school district yielded opposite returns in the two polling areas.

The precinct south of State street favored Harland and Young by giving them 648 and 609 votes, respectively, to Neptune's and Bradford's 495 and 479.

Voters living north of State street, however, cast 929 ballots for Neptune and 974 for Bradford to 947 for Harland and 925 for Young.

Harland May Be Youngest Director Harland is believed to be one of the youngest men ever elected to the board here. Both he and Young are attorneys. Director Bradford had served two three-year terms on the board and Neptune, one. Both had held the chairmanship.

The balloting mark set yesterday was 694 votes above the previous record of 3373 established last June when Mrs. David Wright and Percy A. Cupper were reelected, the latter in a hard-fought race against Harland, then only a written candidate.

Unusual among Salem school elections, yesterday's vote came in steadily throughout the polling hours, Otto Hopkes and Lucy Schirman, election board chairman, reported. The customary closing hour rush, at 7 o'clock, found an estimated 250 voters crowded into the school administration building.

No long line formed at the WCTU polling place at any time.

Few Single Shots Seen Veteran chairman for eight school elections, Hopkes said he had never before seen so few single-shot ballots or so many "straight ticket" votes. He estimated that of the 1341 ballots cast in the north precinct, not more than 100 varied from a Bradford-Neptune or Harland-Young combination. The situation was similar in the south precinct.

The newly-elected directors, who are expected to provide a majority bloc for Mrs. Wright and Director Barrick, will take office next Tuesday night. Their first task will be the election of a clerk and their first big job, to take final action on the 1939-40 half million dollar budget approved by the citizens' committee last Friday night.

The school district received \$563,502.02 from all sources during the year just ended and spent \$5,238,463 leaving a book cash balance of \$13,213.56, according to Clerk W. H. Burghardt's annual report which was read and approved at the annual school meeting last night. No citizens aside from board members and one reporter attended the meeting.

The clerk pointed out that approximately \$1,000 of the year-end balance would be paid out before mid-September to teachers who have elected to be paid on a 12-months rather than on a nine-months basis.

Huge Plane Burns, Engineer Missing

SOUTHAMPTON, England, June 19—(AP)—The Imperial Airways seaplane Concomara, designed for transatlantic service, was destroyed and one of six engineers aboard her was reported missing tonight in a fire of unknown origin at the seaplane base at Hythe near here.

The Concomara, one of Imperial Airways' class \$200,000 "amphiflying boats" was burned out after an explosion aboard a tank barge from which she was being refueled prior to a test flight.

Rescuing James and intense heat balked an attempt to unscuttle the tank from the barge.

Three Imperial Airways engineers and three Concomara crew members were aboard the Concomara. One rescuing engineer was missing but the others escaped unhurt.

Council Is Handed Parking Meter Bids From Six Firms

Proposals for installing parking meters were received from six companies and were referred to the special traffic committee at the city council meeting last night.

Other business consisted mainly of the completion of the codification of city ordinances with the adoption of 15 new ordinances.

Reference of the parking meter proposals was made without discussion by the council.

Codified ordinances which were passed included the substitute license code, traffic code, food handling ordinance, gas heating and piping appliance code, moving of buildings, dogs at large, animals at large, junk yards, slaughtering and auction sales of poultry and livestock, radio interference, moving pictures, traffic on street crossings.

A bill came up for its first and second reading which would prohibit the keeping, possession and use of cigarette, cigar and tobacco vending machines in the city. The bill drafted upon the request of the WCTU, was referred to committee.

The bid of \$15,393 submitted by Viecko & Hannaman for the construction of the East Salem fire station was accepted.

A zone change was made on North Capitol street near Union when lot 12, block 1, Knight's addition was changed from class II residential to class III business. Among the petitions allowed (Turn to page 10, column 3)