

Investigation of Prison Death Ruled Duty of Board of Control

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An investigation of the death of Oran Brownlee, found bleeding in his state penitentiary cell last March, will be conducted by the state board of control. This was decided at a board meeting here Tuesday.

State Treasurer Walter Pearson suggested the investigation be conducted by the legislature or a committee appointed by legislative leaders. "This is a matter in which the people are interested and it is not sound practice for us to investigate ourselves," said Pearson.

Gov. Douglas McKay said the probe was a responsibility of the board of control so long as it has supervision over state institutions. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry agreed, stating that the attorney general, elected by the voters, had been selected to spearhead the inquiry.

The governor said there was nothing to stop the legislature from conducting an investigation of the same subject, should it desire. He added that a report of Brownlee's death which Warden George Alexander is preparing would probably be filed with his office this week. "I don't think we can conduct an investigation until we have received the report," he stated. He promised to call board members into session when it is received.

Brownlee, according to charges filed with the board, died at the prison hospital after being removed from his cell. The governor was advised that death probably was due to lack of proper and immediate medical attention.

Alexander said Brownlee had attempted suicide several times. He had slashed his wrists when found last March.

The board also awarded a contract for electric lamps for the next year to the Westinghouse electric supply. Members agreed that with expiration of the current contract, electric lamps will be purchased by the state on bids. The state used about \$35,000 worth annually. Representatives of Gilbert Brothers, Portland, had sought to bid on Sylvania lamps for the current year, indicating they could save the state \$1,800 on a year's contract.

Proving Grounds Staff Claims They Saw Flying Space Ships

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30 (AP)—Two newsmen reported today that officers at White Sands proving ground, N. M., informed them they had seen flying discs or mysterious flying objects.

Marvin Miles, aviation writer for the Los Angeles Times, wrote from the New Mexico upper air research center. "I talked with three men, two senior officers and an enlisted technician, who reports seeing strange objects in the sky, one as recently as last Friday during preparation for a high-altitude missile flight."

Miles and the other reporter, Clete Roberts, news commentator for radio station KFWB here, did reveal the names of the men they talked with.

"One officer," Miles wrote, "believes sincerely that the objects seen are space ships and declared that a ballistic formula applied to one observation through a photo theodolite showed the 'ship' was 35 to 40 miles high—an egg-shaped craft of fantastic size and traveling at incredible speeds of three to four miles a second."

Miles and Roberts both said that other officers and engineers at White Sands scoffed at the reports of flying saucers and attributed the observations to imagination, weather balloons, dual images in high-powered optical equipment or possibly distant planes reflecting sunlight.

Roberts reported: "I was told by a highly regarded senior officer that on several occasions flying discs had been observed, had been carefully tracked and on one occasion had been photographed. Unfortunately, the photographs were ruined when the film was spoiled."

"One officer at White Sands told me that astronomical experts using a powerful elevation telescope established on a mountain peak had carefully followed the flight of two flying discs which were following the trail of a V-2 rocket that smashed its way into the area 100 miles or more above the earth."

At White Sands, Brig. Gen. Philip G. Blackmore, commanding general, commented: "So far as I know these reports are simply untrue."

"Nothing of the kind has ever been reported to me and I am sure it would have if it were true," the general said.

He confirmed there is an astronomical instrument located on Mule peak near the proving grounds and added some flying disc reports may have originated from the weather observation balloons used in research work at the base.

Sears' Chief Confident of Salem Market

(Photo on page 1)
"Careful appraisal of Salem and its vast market area reveals that Sears' confidence in establishing our new store here in Salem is well founded," F. B. McConnell, Sears, Roebuck and Co. president, Chicago, observed Tuesday as he and a group of Sears officials made a tour of the new Capitol Shopping center store.

With the Sears executive were 13 other officials including former senator R. M. LaFollette, Washington, D. C., now a Sears consultant, and A. T. Cushman, Los Angeles, Pacific coast vice president. The party arrived at Salem airport from Seattle in the company DC-3, and proceeded to the store for lunch and their inspection, in the company of James Mosolf, Salem manager, and other Salem store officials. The group flew to San Francisco in the afternoon.

Others in the party were C. E. Brabyn, personnel director for the Pacific coast; L. K. Bye, manager of Seattle mail order; R. G. Curry, regional auditor, Pacific coast territory; S. W. Donogh, northwest district manager; S. A. Epstein, sales, promotional manager for the Pacific coast; J. E. Francouer, manager of the San Francisco store; S. W. Pettigrew, Pacific coast credit manager; R. C. Spencer, Pacific coast general merchandise manager; R. A. Veach, Pacific coast property manager; and J. L. Wheeler, Pacific coast attorney.

83 Fair Years



William H. Humphreys, 83, can claim some kind of a record—he has attended every state fair since he was three months old. This year will be no exception. The former Salem man, now residing in Portland with a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Westering, was born on the Humphreys donation claim in the Waldo hills and lived in the valley until four years ago. He has several nieces and three nephews in Salem.

Final Rites for Crash Victim Slated Tonight

Funeral services for Owen Anthony Cannon, victim of a Salem traffic accident, will be at 8 o'clock tonight at the Clough-Barrick chapel. Shipment will be made to Mitchell, Ore., for graveside services and interment at IOOF cemetery at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Cannon, an Oregon pulp and paper company employee, had lived in Salem for 13 years. He was a veteran of World War I and served with the merchant marine in the last war.

He was born at Mitchell, Dec. 16, 1894, and married Helen Cooper there Aug. 17, 1919. They observed their 30th wedding anniversary two weeks ago. Before moving to Salem Cannon was a rancher near Mitchell.

Surviving besides the widow are four daughters, Dorothy Cannon of Salem, Mrs. Elsie Shrinkle of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Marian Humphreys and Mrs. Virginia Humphreys, both of John Day; a son, John D. Cannon of Salem; three sisters, Mrs. Eunice Maxwell of Mitchell, Mrs. Mildred Wheelhouse of Arlington and Mrs. Georgia Hoover of Fossil, Ore.; two brothers, James and Robert Cannon, both of Mitchell, and three granddaughters.

Adoration Thrills Civil War Vets; President Hails

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 30 (AP)—Dozens of admirers smothered six old civil war veterans with adulation today and they loved it. President Truman sent a message to what is billed as the 83rd and last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"The spirit of the GAR will never die," it said. "In that spirit and by that spirit, the future of our nation is forever secure."

"In a supreme crisis of our country's life, the heroic devotion to duty of you and your comrades laid the cornerstone of our national unity."

The six old men, all 100 or older, didn't hear very well, in spite of a public address system set up in the hotel suite of Commander Theodore A. Penland, Vancouver, Wash.

But it was the first time all six had been in any session together, though this is the third day of the meeting. They made the most of it by swapping yarns—an exhausting task of shouting in each other's ear.

HELD IN COUNTY JAIL
SILVERTON, Aug. 30 (Special)
Roy J. Overley, Silvertown, was charged with threatening commission of a felony following his arrest by Silvertown authorities on a Silvertown justice court warrant at 9:30 p. m. Tuesday. He was fined at Marion county jail in lieu of \$2,500 bail.

Young European Tourists Find Youth Attitudes There Amazing

DALLAS, Aug. 30 (Special)—Amazement that German youths 23 years old are still in high school was expressed by Joyce Bartel, Dallas high school senior, who recently returned from a tour of western Europe.

Joyce made the two-months trip with her brother, Eugene, 18; Mary Dornhecker, 18, and Betty Gray, Dallas high school teacher, all of Dallas.

"On the whole," said 16-year-old Joyce, "German youths are not too optimistic about the future. They have been through so much and have lost nearly everything. They don't seem to care whether another war comes or not."

The food served to tourists in German and other devastated nations' hotels was "wonderful," said Joyce. But we saw the true picture of the nation's poor conditions when we lived and ate in private homes.

The dream of all youth in Germany is to come to America some day, Miss Bartel stated. "They are interested in American schools, too, and asked many questions about them."

Returned German war prisoners from Russia are very "bitter" toward Russia, she said. However, she noted, many youths in the countries she visited have swung strongly toward religion.

The group, in which Joyce was a member, was led on the tour by Walter Ficus, pastor-evangelist, of Longview, Wash. It went through England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France. Conferences were held with young people in those countries with the object of promoting relations between American and European youth.

Joyce and Eugene Bartel are children of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Bartel, and Mary Dornhecker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Dornhecker.

Bolivian Army Claims Victory Over Rebels

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Aug. 30 (AP)—Bolivia's general staff announced a victory at Cochabamba tonight in the army's first major battle with rightist rebels trying to overthrow the government.

The announcement said all resistance had ended in the city of 90,000, which lies 150 miles southeast of La Paz.

It said government forces would not occupy Cochabamba until tomorrow, however, to avoid "probably disturbances."

Ten thousand government troops launched the attack this morning after the government had called up all men 19 to 50 to put down a four-day-old revolt that threatened to plunge Bolivia into civil war.

Cochabamba was one of three important cities seized by the rebels in widespread uprisings Saturday in the Andes mountains in mining region.

The revolt is led by the national revolutionary party (MNR) of the late President Gualberto Villaroel.

Legion Drill Unit Slates Busy Week

The new drum and bugle corps of Salem's Capital post, American Legion, is having another busy week.

Just back from the Shrine football game in Portland, the corps members are ready to re-paint in their now-familiar Indian guise for an appearance in the Hop Fiesta parade at Independence Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

The Legion musicians paraded more than an hour in Portland after the Saturday football game. They had taken part in the game festivities earlier in the day.

Million Watch Legion Parade In Philadelphia

(Picture on page 1)
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 30 (AP)—A million persons who love a parade cheered and applauded today for American Legion veterans of two world wars strutting in one of their biggest, noisiest and most colorful demonstrations.

This staid old city is entertaining the Legion's 31st national convention. Today the Legionnaires put aside convention business and entertained Philadelphia and thousands of guests.

And even the famed New Year's Day Mummers' parades were nothing like this shooting, joking tramp-tramp-tramp of the once-armed forces now peacetime private citizens again.

Business and traffic in the nation's third largest city slowed to a crawl shortly before noon when the first parade unit stepped off down confetti-strewn Broad street to the blare of bugles and the rattle of drums.

The last of the 30,000 marchers was due at the end of the five-mile route along about midnight. But before nightfall the marchers had fallen behind schedule.

The parade was the only official Legion business for today. Tomorrow the 6,600 convention delegates and alternates set aside pagentry and take up more serious matters.

Principal business item at convention hall is consideration of resolutions that will set forth Legion views and policy on world and domestic affairs.

Asia and the Pacific area is expected to be one of the top items. One proposal urges continued aid to anti-communist forces in China, and there may be an opposing recommendation that China be written off as lost.

Also scheduled for tomorrow are speeches by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson and Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr.

Mystery Writer In Psycho Ward

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30 (AP)—Craig Rice, 40-year-old mystery writer, is in the psychopathic ward of General Hospital tonight on a booking of investigation of sanity.

Dr. A. C. Zahn ordered the author to the hospital after Santa Monica police said they found two bottles containing 19 sleeping tablets in her room.

Portland Deputy Coroner Claims Morgue Unhealthy

PORTLAND, Aug. 30 (AP)—A deputy coroner asked for a 12-month leave of absence today on the ground that the Multnomah county morgue is an unhealthy place to be.

The deputy, Ronald S. Toms, wrote the board of county commissioners. "I am advised for my health to take a 12-month leave or until such time as proper facilities are installed."

His letter asserted lighting, heating and ventilating were inadequate, that facilities for handling "dead human bodies, especially those in advance state of decomposition" were improper, and that there were "odors and harmful bacteria which an employee must breathe at all times."

The commissioners earlier this year pared down a request for improvements at the morgue to \$5,300.

Polk Towns Study Sewage Disposal Plan

INDEPENDENCE, Aug. 30 (Special)—Preliminary plans for a joint sewage disposal plant for Monmouth and Independence are expected to be approved at a meeting of both city councils here next week.

A tentative agreement, reached at a recent joint council meeting, calls for a plant costing not more than \$95,000. A number of problems remain to be ironed out before the plant will be fully approved.

According to present plans Independence will pay 36 per cent of the cost of the plant and Monmouth 64 per cent. Expenses of operating the disposal unit are to be borne equally by the two cities.

It is expected that Monmouth will build a trunk line to Independence. Tentative plans indicate that meters will be installed on the line to measure the sewage flow from each city. Each city will maintain the line in its own area.

Pioneer Woodburn Church Proposed For Memorial

PORTLAND, Aug. 30 (AP)—A proposal to preserve the Rock Creek church near Woodburn as a memorial to pioneers came today from a Union Pacific official.

W. W. Morrison, Cheyenne passenger agent for the railroad, who has made a hobby of locating pioneer landmarks along the Oregon trail, said he came across the church this week for the first time.

It was built some 75 years ago in the Marks-Prairie settlement. He said the building, benches, altar and organ still stand although they have not been in use the last 25 years. There also are pioneers' graves, now overgrown, in the churchyard, he said.

Payment Cut Said Threat To Aged Pair

A charge that action of the state public welfare commission in cutting off old age assistance from Logan A. Fields, 70, Portland, had placed him and his wife in dire need of the bare necessities, was voiced by Floyd Dover, chairman of the old age grievance committee, before Gov. Douglas McKay Tuesday.

Dover branded as unfair elimination of Fields' old age assistance unless he disposed of his automobile. Dover explained the couple is in poor physical condition and the automobile was required so they might visit a store occasionally.

It was brought out that Fields and his wife were married in June. "She owned a small unfinished home," Dover said, "and they expected by merging their incomes they might combat hunger and live by strict economy." Fields' old age assistance payments were cut off in June, Dover said, while Mrs. Fields received one check of \$33 in July.

An affidavit was presented to the governor showing that Fields and his wife lived on bread, water and apples for three weeks. Governor McKay denied that the state has been as negligent as charged by some persons in handling its welfare problems. He said Oregon ranked 14th in relation to old age assistance payments.

Hawaii Loses Strike Decision

HONOLULU, Aug. 30 (AP)—The territory of Hawaii today lost its fight against a federal court decision upholding union picketing in the 122-day dock strike.

Furthermore, the court ordered hearings opened tomorrow on a union request for an injunction against Hawaii's dock seizure law. The hearing will proceed unless the attorney general can convince the court more time is needed to prepare his case.

Counsel for the striking CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union promptly announced it will put Union President Harry Bridges on the stand as its first witness.

\$4,500,000 CONFLAGRATION
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30 (AP)—The city's biggest fire in years swept through a giant grocery warehouse of Safeway Stores, Inc., today, injuring upwards of 35 firemen and doing an estimated \$4,500,000 damage.

FAMED CONDUCTOR DIES
WATCH HILL, R. I., Aug. 30 (AP)—Dr. Hans Kindler, 56, internationally famous musician, founder and conductor of the National Symphony orchestra of Washington, D. C., died late this afternoon at his summer home here.

Californians Lead Visitors to Damsite

PORTLAND, Aug. 30 (AP)—Californians are leading the tourist parade in Oregon, a traffic check at Bonneville dam indicated today.

The one-week check showed 5,687 cars stopped at the dam. Oregon led with 1,778, followed by California 1,402, Washington 732, Iowa 146, Illinois 134, Nebraska 118, Texas 104, Canada 104, and Idaho 100.

There also were a few cars from Hawaii, Alaska, the Canal Zone, Japan and South Africa.

The odds against women giving birth to quadruplets in the United States are about 650,000 to 1.

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