

Lawyers Argue Idanha Election Case; Decision Due This Week

Idanha residents will have to wait until late this week to find out if they will vote December 9 on a proposal to incorporate their town located in the Santiam canyon.

Marion County Circuit Court Judge Rex Kimmell heard arguments Monday on a suit seeking an injunction to stop the election. Edison Vickers, Idanha and Detroit business man, filed the injunction proceedings against Marion County and County Clerk Harlan Judd.

Points to Decisions

Allan G. Carson, representing the county, issued a demurrer to the complaint, stating that Vickers was without legal capacity to sue. Carson cited numerous supreme court decisions in an attempt to show that the courts have held that an injunction to stop an election may not be instituted by an individual.

Carson also alleged that Vickers' suit should have been brought by the state. He pointed to a recent similar case in this county when Portland General Electric company failed to halt a special election in Salem.

Thomas Mahoney of Portland, attorney for Vickers, charged however, that the suit was a matter of "equity and justice." It is directed, he said, against the county court's "arbitrary and unlawful setting" of one election ahead of another.

Mahoney termed the county court's action as "abuse of power," by setting both elections, said Mahoney, the court (if both elections carry) has subjected the citizens of a portion of Idanha to possible jurisdiction of two cities. **Failed at Past Election**

A proposal to incorporate the two towns of Idanha and Idanha into one municipality failed several months ago in an election. A second proposal, this time to incorporate only portions of each town, was filed with the county court by Vickers recent.

It was set for balloting on December 13. Then the petition on a proposal seeking to incorporate only the town of Idanha was filed with the court. This election was set for December 9.

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Recovery of Man Brings Miracle Claim

LAFAYETTE, La., Nov. 28—(AP)—Representatives of the pope are conducting an investigation here to determine whether a miracle saved the life of a man believed dying of gangrene 20 months ago.

The Apostolic process (a series of hearings to determine whether a person should be canonized as a saint) has been started at the Immaculate seminary as a result of the recovery of Herbert Theriot of Franklin, La. The hearings, which concern possible canonization of Father Pere Antoine Moreau, began Saturday and continued today in strict secrecy.

Operation Begun

Theriot, one of the witnesses of the Apostolic process, gave newsmen these details:

The night of April 10, 1948, he experienced sharp pains in his side. An operation for appendicitis was begun but after the incision was made the late Dr. Guy G. Aycock saw that gangrene had set in. The incision was closed and Theriot's condition was adjudged medically hopeless.

The dying man put himself under the protection of Father Moreau, founder of the congregation of the Holy Cross in 1946, and also founder of the Marianne Sisters of Holy Cross and of the Order of the Sacred Heart.

Daughter Given Relic

Theriot's daughter, Rita Mae, was recalled from New Orleans where she was attending a Catholic anniversary celebration of the Marianne Sisters. Sister Frances, superior of St. John's Academy, gave her a relic which included a piece of bone of Father Moreau, to whom Catholic residents of Franklin and vicinity have attributed many favors.

Theriot kissed the relic, placed it on the incision and held a picture of Father Moreau in his hands.

His condition improved immediately at the next day Dr. Aycock told him he was out of danger.

Medical witnesses said the recovery was of a nature considered "miraculous and marvelous."

Living Costs At Year's Low In October

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—(AP)—The government reported today that the cost of living in October reached its low point of the year.

The bureau of labor statistics' index for the month was 168.5, the same level it had been in July.

This is still only three per cent under a year ago. It is 26 per cent higher than June, 1946. It is 71 per cent above the prewar level.

Industrial production, meanwhile, was reported to have dropped only 4.6 per cent during October despite the steel and coal strikes then in progress.

This was reported by the federal reserve board. The board's month was 66 per cent above the index for industrial production last 1935-39 average. That compared with figures 74 per cent above prewar for September and 95 per cent for October, 1948, the all-time high.

Ex-Sheriff Mike Elliott To Open Service Station

PORTLAND, Nov. 28—(AP)—The recalled sheriff of Multnomah county will open a gasoline station here Wednesday.

Marion LeRoy (Mike) Elliott, who was voted out of office after nine months' duty, said he had decided to open the service station instead of a night club, as he had announced earlier.

Flood Severs Vancouver, B.C. Bridge Approach



VANCOUVER, B.C., Nov. 28—This approach to Capilano bridge in West Vancouver was cut by flood- ing Capilano river Saturday, and later entirely washed out. Spectators are not identified. (AP wirephoto to the Statesman.) (Story on page one.)

Chiefs of Staff For Big 3 Map Defense Plans

PARIS, Nov. 28—(AP)—The big three soldiers of the west today started mapping a 3,000-mile defense arc across Europe from the Norwegian Arctic to the Aegean.

The chiefs of staff of the United States, Britain and France met in the first of a series of sessions to complete a unified defense plan for the 12 nations of the North Atlantic pact.

Simultaneously, it was announced from Frankfurt, Germany, that U.S. Gen. Thomas T. Handy, 68-year-old veteran war planner, will be chief of the billion dollar American arms aid program in Europe. He is now commander of U.S. forces in Europe with headquarters at Heidelberg.

At the same time U.S. Defense Secretary Louis Johnson declared on arriving in London that U.S. forces in Germany are "ready for any emergency" that might be thrust upon them.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the U.S. chiefs of staff, presided at the meeting of the chiefs of staff. Their task is to work out a cooperative defense plan. The act of congress setting up the military aid program said the money, other than \$100,000,000 for immediate aid, would be released only on an American ship in that area.

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Plans Laid for Quarter-Block Warehouse

Purchase of a quarter block and plans for erection of a new local warehouse for Pacific Fruit and Produce company were announced Monday by Sherwood L. Auman, Salem supervisor. The property is at the northwest corner of Church and Trade streets, just east of the firm's present quarters.

The 149 by 165-foot site was purchased for approximately \$25,000 from Eiling, Beda and Carl Halvorson of Halvorson Construction Company, Salem. The transaction was handled by G. H. Grabenhorst, Salem realtor.

Auman said the company will build a one-story 150 by 125-foot warehouse next spring to replace and double present space now leased from the Derby state. The firm has been in that location for 25 years.

Settlement of Oyster Beds' Suit Ordered

Settlement of litigation over division of proceeds from a number of oyster beds was ordered Monday in a decree by Marion county circuit court. The suit was brought by Coos Bay Farmers cooperative against Oyster Growers Service association.

The decree held that the defendant firm was entitled to represent owners in handling proceeds from the "A" pool seeded in 1941. The "B" pool of the following year was divided into 1,500 beds for the plaintiff and 1,917 for the defendant. From funds on deposit with the court, the plaintiff is to receive \$5,802.86 and the defendant \$1,332.26.

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Suspects Held in Monroe Burglary

CORVALLIS, Nov. 28—(AP)—Benton county sheriff's officers said today they had jailed two young men in the theft of a safe November 17 from the Monroe Furniture store here.

Charged with burglary are David L. Larsen, 22, Auburn, Wash., and William Hendren, 17, Oklahoma. The two men were arrested in Auburn last week.

Nationalists Shell U.S. Ship; Protest Filed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—(AP)—A second American merchant ship reported it was shelled and damaged by Chinese nationalist warships today, and the state department announced it will immediately file an energetic protest.

The cargo vessel Sir John Franklin radioed that it was fired at by two nationalist ships and hit 12 times during an hour-long barrage at close range. All aboard escaped injury, however.

The incident, which occurred at the mouth of the Yangtze river near communist-held Shanghai, was the second within two weeks on an American ship in that area.

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Kerrick New Legion Chief

John C. Kerrick is the new commander of Capital post 9, American Legion.

He was named by the post's executive committee Monday night to succeed Sephus Starr who died 10 days ago.

The committee also named James H. Turnbull to succeed Kerrick as first vice commander, Conrad P. Paulson to succeed Turnbull as second vice commander, and Claude Martin as new member of the executive committee to fill the post created by Paulson's advancement.

Fire Destroys Officers' Reserve Corps Records

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 28—(AP)—Fire ate through the lower floor of a Vancouver barracks building early today, destroying records of the Oregon headquarters of the Officers' Reserve corps.

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Oregon Man 'Returns Favor' Of DP Family

PORTLAND, Nov. 28—(AP)—A soldier from Sweet Home who was befriended by a family in Italy returned the favor today.

Dave Epps, former 15th air force sergeant, met the Glavan family in their arrival in Portland. The family consists of Leo and Helen Glavan, son Branko, 21, and daughter Mira, 19. They frequently had Epps to dinner while he was stationed in Bari, Italy.

Epps took them to his home in Sweet Home tonight, where they will stay until other living quarters can be found. They will work at the Dave Epps furniture business at Sweet Home.

The Glavans originally were from Yugoslavia, and had been in Italy nine years as displaced persons.

"They were very lovely to me," Epps remarked here, "and they needed some help to get into this country, I'm the lucky one."

2 Men Die in Santiam Crash

(Story also on page one)

DETROIT, Nov. 28—Alton Haun, one of those least seriously injured in a wreck on the North Santiam highway today, which took the lives of two men and injured eight others said he believed a defective tie-rod caused the tragedy. He said the truck left the road without warning. The victims were brought to Salem by an army engineers' ambulance from Monmouth and a Consolidated Builders, Inc. ambulance.

According to hospital reports Monday night Moore was suffering from fractured ribs and arm; Haun, a fractured shoulder; Esterson, a fractured arm and Kirsch, fractured pelvis and jaw.

Webster is survived by his widow, Pat, and mother at Brownsville. Nash, who has followed the logging trade for the past 12 years here, is survived by his widow, and two young children, Marjorie and William. Both bodies are at the Howell-Edwards chapel here.

SLAVS SEIZE ITALY SHIPS

ROME, Nov. 28—(AP)—The Italian news agency Astra, quoting Italian sailors, reported tonight that a Yugoslav naval patrol seized two Italian trawlers 12 miles off the Slav coast.

CAPITOL

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Rep. Thomas' Aide 'Forced' To Pad Payroll

By Roger D. Greene

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—(AP)—A former secretary of Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ), who went on trial with him today on payroll padding charges, acted under Thomas' "compulsion" and she voluntarily took her story to the FBI, her lawyer asserted.

The onetime secretary, Miss Helen Campbell, 63, is a co-defendant with Thomas on charges of defrauding the government by falsifying Thomas' congressional payroll.

As the trial began, Miss Campbell's attorney, John R. Fitzpatrick, told the jury in federal court: "To Keep Job"

"She did what she did under the compulsion of the employer-employee relationship, not as a result of any conspiracy with her employer. It might have been to keep her job."

Fitzpatrick said Miss Campbell will testify freely when she takes the witness stand.

The defense lawyer acknowledged that Miss Campbell arranged to get additional persons on Thomas' payroll, but insisted she did so only at the congressman's direction. The government charges their salaries were kicked back to Thomas and that they did no work.

Decided to Talk

Finally, he said, for many reasons that may come out in the trial she decided to "talk to someone in authority." That was in September, 1948, when she went to the justice department and made a statement.

"She had nothing to be afraid of, nothing to bargain for, nothing to conceal, nothing to fear," Fitzpatrick went on.

Thomas and Miss Campbell were jointly indicted Nov. 8, 1948, just six days after Thomas was re-elected to his seventh term in congress. He is a former chairman of the house un-American activities committee.

If convicted, the congressman would face a possible maximum sentence of 32 years in prison and \$40,000 in fines. The count against Miss Campbell carries a possible maximum of two years and \$10,000.

Oregon State Pen Escapee Taken in Idaho

TWIN FALLS, Nov. 28—(AP)—Sheriff Jesse Carlton was informed today that Miland Gordon, alias Pete Elmer Woliver, who is being held here on a grand larceny charge, is wanted for escape from the Oregon state penitentiary.

The message was sent from Oregon Warden George Alexander, who asked that a detainer be placed against Woliver in case he is not prosecuted here.

Gordon was brought to Twin Falls November 21 from Vale, Ore., where he was arrested by Oregon state police. He waived extradition in answer to the charge of stealing a pickup truck from G. Deahl, Murtaugh. (Officials at the Oregon state penitentiary said Gordon escaped September 2 over the new south wall.)

Egg Prices Drop Sharply

Shopping housewives Monday morning found that prices on eggs had dropped several cents per dozen here over the weekend.

Large eggs were quoted at 59 cents per dozen at retail prices and medium grades at 47 cents. Buying prices to dealers also went down with large AA's dropping from 55 to 52 cents and medium AA's from 43 to 38 cents per dozen.

LAST DAY!

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John J. Beckman, Ex-Legislator, Dies

PORTLAND, Nov. 28—(AP)—John J. Beckman, 63, former state legislator from Multnomah county, died in a hospital here today after a month's illness.

An attorney here, he was long active in democratic party affairs. He was Multnomah county chairman of the party from 1934 to 1940. He served as a state representative in 1932.

Action Stalled On Vending Machine Tax

A proposed city license fee on coin-operated machines vending candy, soft drinks and other merchandise drew objections from several owners and distributors Monday night in city hall.

The council withheld action on the new license bill at the suggestion of sponsor Alderman David O'Hara who had proposed an annual license fee of \$20 per machine. He recommended further study as to the amount of the fee, stating "the rate is probably too high."

O'Hara defended the principle of the license fee on grounds that vending machines competed with some local merchants, particularly the suburban storekeepers.

St. Elmo Massengale, head of the local Coca Cola bottling works, declared such a fee would be too high for the amount of profit the Coke-dispensing machines bring, which he estimated at about \$48 per year. He pointed out that 75 per cent of the 175 machines his firm has in Salem are purchased by local merchants or industries.

Emery Leffingwell of Portland said his firm, the Canteen candy machine company, leases about 125 of its coin-operated machines in Salem. He estimated profit at about \$9 per machine per year. He said a fee of \$1 per machine would be, in his opinion, equitable.

In action related to the recent merger of West Salem with Salem, the council adopted into Salem law all West Salem traffic signs, temporarily zoned West Salem pending formal zoning hearings and introduced a bill declaring Marion county as legal situs for Salem. The latter is necessary because the merged city lies in Polk county. The zoning measure virtually adopts present West Salem zones for the interim period.

Two other bills given final passage permit the city to auction semi-annually any bicycles or

other abandoned or seized personal property, and establish policy for businesses to create head-in parking spaces by setting back curbs on streets at least 85 feet wide.

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Gene Raymond
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LIBERTY

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"ISN'T IT ROMANTIC"

Paul Muni

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William Garahan

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