

POLK PRISONERS ATTEMPTED JAIL BREAK IS FOILED

Dallas, Or., Dec. 27.—Albert Lewis and Charles Gosso, two Polk county prisoners confined in the county jail in this city, attempted to escape from the county jail Thursday night but were foiled in their escape by Deputy Sheriff T. B. Hooker.

A third prisoner in the jail was taken ill Thursday and while Mr. Hooker was looking for a physician he turned the men loose in the corridors for a little exercise and while absent they damaged the locks on their cells to such an extent that they could open the messily they thought after the deputy had gone home for the night.

Mr. Hooker, however, was informed of their intentions by parties who in passing the jail heard the noise and locked the men up in different cells when he returned with the physician.

Lewis is serving a sentence for larceny while Gosso who was captured by Sheriff Orr while in Salem the first of the week is wanted for breaking into several stores in Dallas early in the spring of this year.

At one time he was captured by the police of Portland but turned loose before the Polk county officials could get their hands on him.

Since his arrest he is said to have confessed to the robberies here. Gosso called to some small boys last night while they were passing the jail and asked them to bring him some fire but upon their refusal declared that "he would kill them when he got out."

He has also threatened to "get Sheriff Orr and several other Dallas citizens."

Taxpayers at Budget Meeting. A big gathering of taxpayers from all parts of the county was held in Dallas Friday at the hearing of the county court relative to the annual budget, outlined by the court for the coming year.

Several material changes were made in the budget among which was the setting aside of the sum of \$2000 from the road and bridges fund to be used in raising the salaries of the deputies employed in the various offices in the court house.

The taxpayers also went on record as favoring the employment of a county agricultural agent and by a unanimous vote made known their wish in this respect to the court.

This movement has been up before the various farmer organizations for some time and today, being the logical time for making their demands the farmers were herein force to see that they were put across.

The meeting was one of the largest held at a budget meeting in Dallas for many years, the people from the rural communities taking more interest in affairs of the county now than in former years.

Robbers Still at Large. The parties who robbed the Staffin drug store and the J. C. Penny store in this city sometime Sunday night are still at large but the county authorities are working on clues which may lead to the arrest of the burglars.

One of the kodaks stolen from the Staffin drug store was found this week under a seat in a motor car in the Southern Pacific yards in the south part of the city.

Twenty Million Crop Shipment From Yakima

Yakima, Wash., Dec. 27.—Estimates on Yakima's fruit crop shipped to market at this time and estimated in storage places the value of the amount sold as fresh fruit at \$20,143,000. The main item is 9994 carloads of apples, worth approximately \$15,000,000.

The apple crop has rolled to market at an average of \$2 a box to the growers though prices for extra fancy stocks have reached as high as \$3.50 a box.

The pear crop was 2000 cars of 544 boxes each, valued at \$2 a box and the peach crop was 2200 cars of 1211 boxes each at 65 cents a box.

The fruit crop last year was only \$12,081,320. In addition to the fresh fruit crop 2500 cars of apples have gone to by-products plants, together with a considerable tonnage of pears, peaches and cherries.

The by-products plants have paid fruit growers this year \$525,000.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN DETERMINED TO AID IN MAKING PLATFORM

New York, Dec. 26.—Women democratic leaders of the country, while contemplating no split with the men in their party, are determined to have a voice in constructing the platform and naming the presidential nominee, it developed today.

This was revealed when nearly 50 prominent women democrats from various parts of the country gathered here to plan a campaign for consolidation of the women voters in their party.

The convention, was called by Miss Margaret Vall of Washington, niece of President Wilson. Among the innovations contemplated by the women to further this campaign is the establishment of a newspaper in New York as a democratic women's political organ.

Ohio Jail Birds Freed By Gang of Gunners

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 27.—With two of the gang in jail, Toledo police today were scouring the countryside in search of others who took part in a sensational jail delivery here Thursday.

For nearly an hour the entire Lucas county jail was at the mercy of six armed thugs and four prisoners whom the thugs had had released.

The gunmen shot down one man, threatened to kill others and boasted of their crimes and past records.

After the delivery, two of the men surrendered without resistance when their automobile stalled.

SCHOOLS IN CITY TO OPEN MONDAY; NIGHT SESSIONS ALSO OPEN

The city schools, after being closed for more than two weeks because of the cold weather and the holidays, will resume Monday, according to Superintendent John W. Todd Saturday.

Necessary repairs at the various school buildings, made imperative by burning pipes and leaky roofs, have been completed.

The night school at the high school also will begin again Monday night. The Willamette university, according to reports, will not resume until January 5.

8 DIE FROM DRINKING "BOOZE"; QUARTET HELD

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 26.—With eight men dead and one man critically ill as a result of drinking wood alcohol, treated with coloring and sold as whiskey, Saul Joseph, Nathan Saltsberg, Jacob Bronerwine and Frank Rose, all of Hartford, are in jail here today, charged with murder.

They are alleged to have made the sales. A plea of not guilty was entered in each case and a continuance until today was granted.

The prisoners are held without bail. And finally brethren, until women rule is established there will be no abolition of war, of the double standard of morals, nor of white slavery, for all these evils are man-made and will be man-prepared.

Army Problem To Be Taken Up At Conference Jan. 12

Washington, Dec. 27.—Means for putting the United States army on an efficient peace time basis will be studied at a conference of all departmental and divisional commanders, called today by Chief of Staff March for January 12.

War department plans and policies for training, distribution and administration of officers and enlisted personnel and other important reorganization problems will be taken up.

Quintet Held For Disorders Xmas Day Released On Bond

Washington, Dec. 27.—Three women and two men arrested for alleged participation in a Christmas day demonstration for release of conscientious objectors and other war obstructionists, today pleaded not guilty to "disorderly conduct" and were released on \$500 bonds each. They will be tried in a week.

The five are: Miss Gladys Greiner, Dr. Gertrude Kelly, Miss Mary Duffy, Julius Friedman and Samuel Friedman. The latter two are brothers.

Hall was furnished by the League for Amnesty of Political Prisoners, of which they are said to be members.

SHIPPERS TO TAKE HAND IN R. R. ISSUE

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Shippers representing 50 per cent of the tonnage handled by American railroads will meet here December 29 to discuss pending railroad legislation.

"Shippers have been conferring separately with representatives in Washington," Clifford Thorne, their attorney, said today. "The time has arrived for united action. Railroad labor and railroad security holders long since learned that lesson."

Thorne offered no prediction from as to what action the shippers would take. Lines of business ranged from asphalt to vegetables. The conference was described as "the most representative gathering of shippers held since the beginning of the war."

Red Sympathizers In Jail for Picketing Churches

New York, Dec. 27.—Five "red sympathizers" are in jail as the result of an attempted parade on Fifth avenue and picketing of fashionable churches in protest against continued incarceration of "political prisoners" Thursday.

The march was broken up almost before it began when Major Larrillard in Horace during the past year.

PIANOS and Player Pianos—Best and Cheaper Makes at GEO. C. WILL Salem, Oregon

Phonographs and Records EDISONS VICTORS COLUMBIA AND STARR GEO. C. WILL Music Store

Sponsor of the American Legion and two squads of police ordered the sympathizers to disperse.

Line county sportsman paid \$4612.25 in Horace during the past year.

Sewing Machines All Makes Genuine Needles and Oil Sewing Machines Repaired and Rented GEO. C. WILL

Sheet Music And Music Studies McKinley and Century 10c Editions at GEO. C. WILL Music Store

MEET US FACE TO FACE WE ARE EXCLUSIVE AGENTS FOR Miller Ad-on-a Tires BETTER THAN HALF SOLES COME IN AND BE CONVINCED Monty's Tire Shop "SERVICE WITH A SMILE"

To the American People IT is the declared purpose of the United States Government to restore the railroads at an early date to the control of their owners. The Association of Railway Executives represents those upon whom at that time responsibility will again rest for the prompt and successful movement of the country's commerce. Those constituting this Association are keenly conscious of their accountability to the public. They have accordingly determined to present as fully as they can, the fundamental facts and considerations which they themselves must face in their efforts to provide satisfactory railroad service. It is hoped to engage the interest of the whole American people, whose welfare is so vitally dependent upon adequate transportation. The country can grow only as the railroads grow. The railroad problem must be solved—and solved rightly and soon—if our country is to prosper. It is to promote that prosperity permanently and in the interest of the whole people—that railroad executives will present to the public the situation as they see it. ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY EXECUTIVES THOMAS DEWITT CUYLER, Chairman

ITALIAN DEPUTIES WOULD MAKE PORTS

Rome, Dec. 25.—Twenty-four deputies who were in military service during the war have introduced in the chamber a bill vesting in that body the right to make treaties, a power hitherto limited to the crown.

The above move is one of a series to allocate to the Italian parliament broad international powers previously held only by the king.

Harold Howell Jury Disagrees Second Time. Marshfield, Dec. 27.—At 10 o'clock Thursday morning Judge Coke dismissed the jury in the Harold Howell murder case. The jury was out 40 hours and unable to agree.

The jury Wednesday afternoon reported to the court the second time that it was impossible to agree.

The snow has disappeared and automobiles are now going over the Siskiyou mountains between Oregon and California.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE Friday, Jan. 2 A. L. ERLANGER Presents CHAUNCEY OLCOTT IN "Macushla" A Beautiful Irish Comedy in Four Acts By RIDA JOHNSON YOUNG HEAR OLCOTT SING "That's How the Shannon Flows" "Macushla Asthore" (Pulse of My Heart.) "Tis An Irish Girl I Love, and She's Just Like You." and "I'll Miss You Old Ireland God Bless You Goodbye". SEAT SALE WEDNESDAY Opera House Pharmacy PRICES 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50