



PROBE OF DANCE HALLS KEEPING GRAND JURY BUSY

Dance halls which have been established near Salem and which tend to attract rowdy side revellers from Salem, are being investigated by the Marion county grand jury now in session. It is known that many witnesses were called before the jury Wednesday in securing facts as to the trouble experienced by city and county authorities relative to problems arising from the dancing places in question.

Criminal cases under investigation by the grand jury are: State against Jack Watt, charged with a statutory offense; state against Frank Wagner, Wagner is accused of having burglarized stores at Silverton; state against Gavin Brooks, who eloped with a Ford car belonging to George Hovenden of Hubbard and who managed to get to Cottage Grove before being apprehended by the authorities; state against Alvin Pulley and Norman Owen, who are charged with the theft of clove seed from the Peter Smith farm at Gervais.

The grand jury has also investigated the accusations made by J. A. Anderson against conditions which he alleges has been tolerated by the management of the state school for the feeble minded, Anderson is a former employe of that institution and he said to have lost his position there after repeated allegations that a fellow employe had been absconded after committing an indiscretion with an inmate of the school. Anderson's allegations have never been taken seriously but his repeated assertions made it necessary for him to submit proof of his accusations. The grand jury was making efforts to complete investigations by Wednesday night and a report is expected at that time.

SALEM WELCOMES NEW YEAR IN NOISY STYLE

The church bells began to ring just as the watchers were growing weary and had begun to think that old 1919 had decided to prolong his visit indefinitely. The church bells began to chime. First one, then another and still another, until every bell in the city was telling the world that the New Year had come. Then some where near the river a whistle blew, followed by the long shriek of sirens, and in a moment the town was in an uproar. Every conceivable kind of noise was in evidence, and the church bells, hearing the clamor, ceased abruptly, nodded once or twice drowsily, and went to sleep.

Salem greeted 1920 in true 20th century style. More than that, it greeted it with a great deal of American style. If it was "bang" the newcomer was looking for he certainly found it; from the busy, noisy, cyclonic mid night celebration at the Company M military ball at the armory, to the clearer, laugh provoking midnight matinee at the Elgin theater. If one were not afraid of being a trifle sacrilegious, one might even say that there was an unaccounted hit to the church bells' routine, as though they were glad that the year had come when the peace treaty would, perhaps, be decided upon, the equal suffrage amendment ratified, war time prohibition question settled, and the last of the I. W. W. deported to places where they will be more welcome. It had as it may, the fact remains that there was an exultant note in their pealing, which was translated at will into any kind of a phrase desired. But what sounded to the watchers very much like "A Happy New Year!"

While in New York, Chicago, Detroit, and other eastern cities, John Hartmann joined hands with celebrants in happy jubilee when the New Year was ushered in by Father Time, such was not the case in Salem. Not one drunk was arrested, not one liquor inspired justification, or drunken brawl occurred during the night. At no place on the police arrest docket Thursday did the words "drunk," "booze," "liquor," "whiskey," or "hotter than blisters" appear. It was a houseless celebration here, so far as police have learned.

The only incidents to war the serenity in police headquarters during the night, that had to do with the arrest of Miss 1272, was the frantic calls of several women about midnight, reporting volleys of shots being fired in their neighborhood.

Prohibition Effective January 17, Decision

Washington, Jan. 1.—January 17 and not January 18, will be the birthday of constitutional prohibition, the bureau of the internal revenue has decided.

Enforcement of constitutional prohibition will start at 12 o' January 17, Commissioner Roper said.

LIBERTY BOND QUOTATIONS
New York, Dec. 31.—Liberty bond quotations:
3 1/2's 93.90; first 4's 93.24; second 4's 91.70; first 4 1/2's 91.10; second 4 1/2's 91.96; third 4 1/2's 91.92; fourth 4 1/2's blank; victory 3 1/2's 99; 4 3/4's 99.

Mrs. T. E. Nicholson, wife of a former mayor of Klamath Falls, was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary Saturday for shooting Dr. George Mitchell last August.

Permitted to Smoke Special Brand In Heaven

London, Jan. 1.—By communication with her late lamented husband, a Kentish widow says she has been able to obtain an accurate description of heaven, which she relates at length in the Weekly Dispatch. She has been told that heaven is not a dry paradise and that smokers can obtain a special brand of tobacco, but her husband has given up smoking because he does not like the heavenly mixture. When her family coachman reached heaven, he was so distressed not to find beer of the earthly variety that he was given a substitute with which he has become thoroughly satisfied. The widow says: "People there generally wear long white garments, but they may vary their drapery if they choose. They do not sleep, neither do they eat, except occasionally a little fruit. In heaven there is no work as we know it. The people there particularly dislike being asked several questions, although they have their own practical jokes. Every one is happy and everything is bright."

LITTLE GRANDSON REMEMBERED IN HOLSTROM'S WILL

When Charles A. Heltsel, son of James A. Heltsel local attorney, business 39 years of age he will come into the possession of a tidy little estate provided for him by his grandfather, Charles A. Holstrom, who died in Salem December 24, 1919. Mr. Holstrom set aside \$1999 for Charles, now 4 years old. The money will be held in trust for him and kept on interest until he attains his 20th birthday.

This bequest, with another which provides for Mrs. Holstrom's welfare and maintenance until her death when the residue of the property is to be divided equally between the four daughters of the couple, are included in a will made by Mr. Holstrom on December 16, a few days prior to his death. In accordance with provisions made in the last testament of Mr. Holstrom, James A. Heltsel has been appointed administrator of the estate and trustee of the special provisions named. As appraisers F. L. Wood, Robin D. Day and Hazel Gearhart are named. The estate comprises real property valued at \$1900 and personal property held at \$4599. In addition to Charles Heltsel, the heirs are: Angela Holstrom, wife of the deceased, whose residence is in Salem; Mary H. Fountain, a daughter now living at Merced, Cal; Laurela Smith, daughter, Seattle; and Clara A. Heltsel, daughter, Salem.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IS QUIET IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 1.—New Year's Day was quietly observed here today. In official circles there was the usual round of social functions although at the White House there was no formal celebration because of the illness of the president. Secretary of State Lansing at a luncheon for the diplomatic corps at a luncheon for the diplomatic corps and receptions were held by Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker and Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Crowell. Messages to the nation were issued last night by Vice-President Marshall and several members of the cabinet in all of which was expressed a note of optimism.

Three Pacific Coast Men Named Among All-Stars

New York, Dec. 31.—Following the custom inaugurated by the late James E. Sullivan, officers of the Amateur Athletic Union have selected all American athletic teams for the year just closing. Of the all American team, sixteen are from the east, 12 from the middle west, three from the Pacific coast and one from the south. Nine have college affiliations and 23 athletic club connections. Of the all American college team ten are from the east, five from the middle west, one from the south and one from the Pacific coast. The persons include: 220 yards—Henry Williams, Spokane, A. C.; Running high jump—John Murphy, Multnomah A. C., Portland, Or.; All American college team 100 yards—C. W. Paddock, University of Southern California.

Northwest Farm Loan Bank's Profits \$100,000

Spokane, Wn., Jan. 1.—The Federal land bank of Spokane distributed \$100,000 in dividends to farm associations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana during 1919, besides paying all its own expenses, according to the report of George O'Shea, president. In addition there is in the bank a large surplus. Mr. O'Shea reported. The bank also repaid to the United States government \$250,000 subscribed at the inauguration of the bank. During 1919, 1884 applications for loans totaling approximately \$11,600,000 were received, of which \$11,600,000 were granted, the report said.

6,666 Legion Charters Granted During Year

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 1.—A report from headquarters of the American Legion has shown that at the close of the year, 6666 charters of the organization had been issued. Seven charters have been granted in points in Illinois in the past ten days. Other states with good showings in that period included Washington with 17.

YOUTH ACCUSED OF FORGERY REMANDED TO COUNTY JUDGE

Victor P. Franklin, of Brownsville, was remanded to county judge W. M. Bushy today after Franklin's mother had arrived here and established her son's age as 17. Franklin was arrested at Corvallis Saturday on a forgery charge having passed a check for \$1445 on Lee L. Gilbert, Salem auto dealer. Franklin is being examined by surgeon Wednesday afternoon, his mentality being apparently very low. Although not regarded seriously by Sheriff Needham, Franklin made a break last night which proves that he needs watching at least. When Sheriff Needham and Deputy Smith proceeded to lock up last night, Franklin armed himself with the leg of a chair and brandished his weapon at the officers, but was speedily disarmed and secured. It is thought that Franklin will be sent to the state training school.

Fire Prevention Urged To Aid Housing Situation

The housing problem, now a serious one in Oregon, would be greatly relieved if buildings already constructed were conserved from the ravages of fire which annually takes a heavy toll throughout the state, according to Horace Bykes, in charge of fire prevention campaign work in the state fire marshal's office.

Special Trains To Carry Students Back To School

For the convenience of students returning to Corvallis and Eugene following the holidays, special trains will be operated on the Oregon Electric lines on January 4, according to a special schedule received by J. W. Little, Salem agent for the Oregon Electric, on which date train No. 13, leaving Portland at 4:45 will be run in three sections. The separate sections leave Portland within five minute intervals of each other. Section No. 1 leaves Salem at 4:45 and stops at Corvallis only. Section number 2 of this train, will accommodate University of Oregon students being scheduled through to Eugene. The third section is designated as No. 13, regular and will make stops to conform with the regular schedule as nearly as possible.

Japanese Flyers To Join In World Series Derby In July

Tokio, Dec. 4.—Ten Japanese aviators are expected to participate in the first aerial derby around the world which begins next July. The American commission of arrangements which has just concluded its visit has met the most enthusiastic and cordial reception among the Japanese who show a keen interest in the great world flying trip. The visitors witnessed some brilliant flying by Japanese aviators. E. W. Frazier, an American resident, who is interested in aviation has been appointed representative of the commission in Japan. The commission has left for China and will visit southern Asiatic countries, later crossing overland to Europe.

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COMMISSION ON ONION CONTRACT SUIT CAUSE

A contract of 20,000 pounds of onions, green and brown varieties are involved in a civil action instituted Wednesday by J. W. Collins against the Weyl-Zukerman Company, a California shipping firm. The contract was originally signed by M. L. Jones of the Lake Labish district but after delivering his crop in accordance with the contract, Mr. Jones sold his interests in the matter to Collins, according to the complaint. The plaintiff, J. W. Collins, states in his petition that the commission firm has failed to pay \$400 due on the contract and asks for judgment for this amount and also of costs.

MORE DELAY FORSEEN

Washington, Dec. 31.—Further delay on the "show down" between representatives of the railroad employes' unions and the railroad administration seems likely today. Plans for a conference at noon between Rail Director Hines and labor spokesmen were abandoned.

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