

### Quiet Wedding Of Prisoners Opens Old Case

A romance which had its inception within the four gray walls of the state prison here culminated in the marriage at Vancouver, Washington, April 2, of Mrs. Anna Booth to Claude Ross, both paroled prisoners. The wedding took place with the knowledge and consent of prison authorities and Mr. and Mrs. Ross returned to Salem immediately thereafter. Ross being employed in a local shoe repair shop and Mrs. Ross having formerly in a restaurant here.

Mrs. Ross, formerly Mrs. Booth, was received at the state prison here March 10, 1917, upon conviction of complicity in the murder of William Branson Booth at Williams, Yamhill county, for which crime William Branson Booth was sentenced to the Oregon penitentiary. She was paroled January 21, last.

Ross was convicted in Portland on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, entering the state prison in April, 1924, under a sentence of from one to five years. While serving this sentence he was convicted of a statutory charge brought against him in Marion county for which he was sentenced to an additional ten years in prison. He was paroled October 15, 1919.

Both Ross and Mrs. Booth were model prisoners while incarcerated in the penitentiary here and are held in high esteem by the staff and those whom both are now reporting regularly as paroled prisoners.

The event has revived interest here in the fate of William Branson an inmate of the state prison for the murder of the husband of Mrs. Booth, now Mrs. Ross, who was convicted on purely circumstantial evidence and who is believed by practically every official who has any knowledge of the crime to be innocent of the crime for which he is serving a life sentence. Branson's conviction was secured only after Mrs. Booth had signed a confession to the crime implicating Branson. Previous to this, however, Mrs. Booth has served practically two years in the penitentiary pending the action of the slow-moving wheels of the courts and since signing the confession she has stated that she did it only under pressure and on the promise of leniency in exchange for the act, the only alternative, according to her story being the possibility of still further delays with the prospect of a long prison term in the end.

Branson has steadfastly protested his innocence of the crime and is said to have refused several opportunities for a parole which would have required his leaving the state. Nothing short of an unconditional pardon will satisfy him, it is said, after which he plans to return to his former home where he will prove to the world the innocence which he so stoutly maintains. Since the conviction of Branson and Mrs. Booth, William Higgin, now a patient at the state hospital here, has confessed to the Booth murder and has even gone so far as to rehearse minutely every detail of the crime to the entire satisfaction, it is said, of many officials while others are inclined to place no credence in his confession. Branson is a model prisoner, in whom the prison authorities repose the utmost confidence. In spite of the fact that he maintains his innocence of the crime for which he is serving a prison sentence and the further fact that the circumstances surrounding the crime are such as to lead many who are familiar with it to believe in Branson's innocence he does not display any of the bitterness which could be expected of a man who is being unjustly persecuted but is of a cheerful, optimistic disposition, looking forward to the time when his innocence shall have been fully established and he can again go forth into the world a free man entirely vindicated of the charge which has already robbed him of some of the best years of his life.

### Motorcycle Club Enjoys Events At Oregon City Meet

Leaving Salem Sunday morning, the Salem Motorcycle Club journeyed to Oregon City where they were the guests of the Oregon City Club. The feature of the meet which attracted motorcycleists from all parts of the Willamette Valley was a four-event hill climbing specialty. In the novice event, Hiram Smith of Salem, took first place, while Alan Fraser acquired third honors. In this feature the two Salem boys competed with first class riders from various portions of the state. In the professional event, three Portland riders, Ted Gilbert, Walt Hadfield and Herbert Eppenstein, all went over the top of the 55 per cent grade. When Gilbert tore up the 350 foot run of rough, slippery going, in 18 and one-fifth seconds, the crowd went wild, the Salem boys aver.

On both stages of the round trip to Oregon City the Salem club excited much admiration for their military style of riding. With none of the "hoodlum stuff," the 25 machines filed along in approved club formation. Single file being resorted to when passing vehicles or narrowed stretches of the road. At all other times, the group traveled in two's and four's arrangement changing formation by pre-arranged signal. Salem motorcycle men who made the trip were: Harry W. Scott, Alton Killian, Homer H. Best, Ed Heenan, Henry Heine, Dave Strangway, Albert Ramseyer, Paul Novek, Hiram T. Smith, Lee Truman, Allen Fraser, Gilbert Berge, Dizzy Wilson, Chas. Thomas, Norman Duoy, Floyd Shelton, Wm. Vogt, Walt George, Emil Strippling, Fred Alkire, Albert Bradford, Chas. Jaqueson, Reuel J. Smith, H. E. Walker, H. McWarter, Robert O'Kelly, Geo. F. Frey, Leo Killian, Henry Heenan, C. V. Hinchaw, Rex Howard, Russell Patterson, H. H. Rogers and Harlan McClane.

Garland Cox, son of Mrs. W. A. Schutt, of Salem, route 5, left for Portland today, after entering the radio service in the navy. Mr. Cox, who enlisted for two years, has not been assigned to a station.

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### Marion Trout Not Tempted By Sunny Day, Is Showing

When E. L. Beall, foreman of the Capital Journal mechanical department, told 'em that his catch Sunday, numbered 11 trout ranging in size from 14 to 17 inches, the "show me" club assumed sizeable proportions. The printer presented pretty good proof that the fish had been taken from the waters of Mill creek, so the doubting Thomases hesitated before passing final judgment. Reports from many Marion streams, indicate that there were very few good strings during the unusually bright day, most of the streams being too cloudy for licenses were issued last week to the anglers.

Claude Boone, Amosville; Floyd Parker, C. W. Parker, West Dayton; O. L. Martin, Macleay; Ward C. Russell, Gervais; Jesse Peebles, Rickreall; Charles Knapp, Amosville; William Bechtel, Theo. Polley, P. M. Hill, J. A. Burns, Clarence Townsend, G. W. Needham, Wiley Weathers, Harry Ault, Earl E. Taylor, Roy M. Smith, J. C. Siegmund, Will T. Neill, Kermet Thompson, John Graber, Salem.

One pioneer and civil war veterans license was issued to W. H. Bales, Salem.

Combination hunters and anglers licenses were made out to W. H. Stenton, J. J. Matthis, R. E. Freeman, George Elgin, Fred N. Cone, W. E. Pule, S. F. Fisher, W. H. Parker of Salem.

Hunters permits were written to Charles E. Knapp, Amosville; J. W. Neiderhiser, Rickreall and Paul Pratt, Salem.

### Musical Pageant Will Be Repeated By Request Here

Yielding to the wishes of numerous friends, Miss Beatrice Hibelton will repeat the pageant "The Queen of Hearts" which was so successfully presented at the Moose hall recently. The playlet will be given Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the high school. One of the principal attractions on the program will be the appearance of Doris McCartney, the "child wonder" of Portland. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Bernice Clark East, formerly of this city. Other assistants will be Miss Joanna Jaues, vocalist, Miss Bertha Clark, whistler and Mrs. Marion Emmons, violinist. A number of persons were turned away at the last presentation of the pageant for lack of room, and for this reason the larger auditorium here was selected. A charge of 25 cents for adults and ten cents for children will be made, the entire proceeds to go toward furnishing a children's ward in the new hospital. The affair is being sponsored by the Salem Women's club, in whose hands the completion of the campaign has been placed.

### Washington Fruit Men Visit Here

Coming to Salem to confer with officials of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association and to gather ideas by which they may further their own organization, several members of the Washington Fruit Packers corporation were in Salem today. The visitors will remain here in conference over Tuesday.

Some of those attending the conference are: Fred Brooker, vice-president of the Washington Growers Packers corporation from Vancouver. Mr. Brooker was a former Salem resident, living here in 1901 and 1902; Chapin A. Mills, prune grower, Vancouver; L. W. Russell, president of the corporation from Washougal; John Spurgeon, prune grower, Vancouver; C. L. Sperber, grower, Vancouver; U. J. Newhouse, manager Washington Growers Packers corporation, from Vancouver, and Henry Cross, former Salem resident who was here in 1890, now mayor

### Poindexter Would Make Rail Strikes Penal Offenses

Washington, Apr. 12.—Legislation to deal with railroad strikes was proposed today by Senator Poindexter, republican, Washington. The bill proposes ten year imprisonment and \$10,000 fine for any person who advises, solicits or persuades others to join strikes which interfere with interstate commerce. Persons using force, violence or threats against others remaining at work in moving interstate commerce would be punished by fifteen years imprisonment and \$25,000 fine. The measure was referred to the interstate commerce committee.

The Washington senator said the strike was nothing less than revolution. "It is bolshevism pure and simple. It is back up by every anarchist, revolutionist, alien or domestic," both of the outdoor and parlor variety. "If the control of commerce is to be secured by the revolutionary means of cutting off supplies from the people then congress has been divested of its powers and free government is suspended."

### Dallas Girl And Companions Have Narrow Escape

Eugene, Or., Apr. 12.—Three University of Oregon students yesterday had narrow escapes from drowning in the Willamette rapids below the mouth of the mill race here, following the capsizing of a canoe. All of them, including Miss Helen Laughry of Dallas, had narrow escapes. Three other students went to their rescue before all were taken from the water.

### FRUITS POISON TWO

Vancouver, B. C., April 12.—Poison in fermented fruits, it is believed, killed two Vancouver people, Mrs. A. Wilde and a Japanese yesterday.

### Opposing Reports Score and Praise Army Camp Work

Washington, April 12.—Two opposing reports on the congressional investigation of the construction of thirty two army camps and cantonments were submitted today to the house by a war expenditures committee and debated for several hours. The majority report presented by republican committeemen, criticized government agencies and officials in charge of the war building program, while the minority report of the democrats defended the administration.

The government lost \$75,531,521 on the sixteen national army cantonments, it was estimated by the majority report which asserted this was due to "waste, inefficiency and graft" resulting from cost plus contracts, which were said to be "wide open."

No estimate of loss on the national guard camps was made by the majority. Dissenting from the majority findings, the minority declared that the construction work was equivalent to building 23 cities, each with 27,000 to 46,000 population and added: "This tremendous task was virtually completed in three months and stands out as one of the great achievements of the war."

Representative McKenzie, Illinois, and McCullough, Ohio, republicans and Doremus, Michigan, democrat, were the committeemen who conducted the investigation. The majority submitted six recommendations for legislation by congress including the submission to the states of a constitutional amendment making "profiteering in war time treason." It also urged that the department of justice be asked to investigate work at every camp.

No recommendations were made in the minority report, and it listed two conclusions, one condemning the majority report and the other defending Secretary Baker, who the majority declared, "must bear the final responsibility."

### National Bank Pig Club Plans For 1920 Told

A comprehensive outline of the work of the United States National Bank Pig club for 1920 has been made, and members are enthusiastically working to perfect their work along the lines described. Homer Gray is president of the club for the ensuing season. Carl Ramser is vice-president and the office of secretary is filled by Goldie Adams.

The program follows: First meeting—Roll call, organization, program for year, report from members present, equipment for my pig. Second meeting—Roll call, report from members, feeding—Carl Ramser, care and management—Edward Matthes, stock judging—Homer Gray, address.

After being without a brass band for years, Roseburg is to have a band organization again. The city is to pay the salary of the leader.

A special election will be held at Salem May 21, probably to vote on the question of increasing the salaries of the police and fire departments.

### Uniform Wages For Printers Of Coast Are Sought

Spookane, Wash., Apr. 12.—Committees to draft a plan of amalgamation of the Northwest Printing Trades conference and the California Printing Trades conference and to draft a proposed wage scale for printing crafts of the entire Pacific coast, were appointed at the opening session here today of the northwest conference.

Representatives of printing crafts unions of California, British Columbia, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana are in attendance.



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