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Average for 1920, 5250
Population of Salem 1900, 4258; 1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,679
Marion County 1920, 47,177; Polk county, 14,181
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The Weather

OREGON: Tonight and Sunday fair, light to heavy frost in early morning; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL: Rainfall, .07; southerly winds; part cloudy; maximum 52, minimum 36, set 39; river 13.8 feet and falling.

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Boy Held for Crime Admits Killing Double

Railway Methods Scored

Walsh Charges Executives With Playing On Public Opinion To Smash Unions

Chicago, Mar. 19.—Charges that railroads, knowing the railroad board had no power to enforce its decree, were trying to wreck the labor unions through public opinion and were attempting to influence public opinion through paid publicity, were made before the board today by Frank J. Walsh, attorney for the unions, when he began his second day of cross-questioning of railroad officials.

Mr. Walsh renewed his investigation of railroad publicity despite objections from Judge R. M. Barton, chairman of the board, that the matter was irrelevant. He called Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the association of Railroad Executives to the stand and resumed questioning along the line which Friday brought statements from Mr. Cuyler that publicity articles formerly written by Mr. Cuyler and were writen by Ivy Lee, a press agent.

Press Agent Scored.

"Isn't Mr. Lee appointed press agent of the Associaton of Railway Executives because he is an expert at breaking down unions?" Mr. Walsh asked.

"No," replied Mr. CCuyler.

"Do you recall the mine publicity bulletin-15 gotten out by Mr. Lee?" asked Mr. Walsh.

"I recall that he was connected with the Rockefeller Foundation," was the answer.

"Did Mr. Lee at that time publish figures in connection with salary of brick layers," began Mr. Walsh, when Judge Barton interrupted.

Says Roads Unfair.

"Don't you realize this matter is entirely outside the matters to come before the board?" he asked.

Mr. Walsh then charged that the railroads' motive in their publicity was unfair.

"The duty of this board," interrupted Judge Barton, "is to decide whether national rules are fair. We know the railroads are opposed to national agreements without your forcing us."

Despite Judge Barton's objections, Mr. Walsh continued reading publicity matter and questioning Mr. Cuyler concerning it.

Lumber Rates Drop March 31

Portland, Or., Mar. 19.—Reduction rates on lumber and shingles from the Pacific northwest to middle western and eastern markets will be effective March 31, according to word received by local railroad officials. The reduction is from 2 cents a hundred from the increased rates in effect since August 26 last.

"B. L. T." Dead.

Chicago, Mar. 19.—Bert Leston Taylor, noted humorist, familiarly known as "B. L. T.," the initials with which he signed his daily column, "A Line O'Type or Two," on the editorial page of the Chicago Tribune, died of pneumonia today at his home here.

Japan To Insist On Mandate Over Yap, Uchida Says

Tokio, Mar. 18—Japan will stand firmly on her mandate over the island of Yap, Viscount Uchida, foreign minister declared at a meeting of a diet committee today.

Representative Uehara asked whether the attitude of the United States, Great Britain and he league of nations council regarding Yap did not affect Japan's interests and whether Japan intended to insist on her rights under the mandate. Viscount Uchida replied in the affirmative to the latter question.

Representative Uehara said that American anti-Japanese agitation was spreading to other states besides California, declaring this probably was due to California agitators communicating with persons similarly disposed in other states.

He charged John F. Stevens of Chicago, head of the American railway mission in Siberia, with carrying on an anti-Japanese movement.

Viscount Uchida replied that he knew nothing of the allegations against Mr. Stevens but said the government was adopting every possible means to prevent the passage of laws similar to those adopted in California.

"Notorious" Hinky Dink Bar Closed

Chicago, Mar. 19.—High rents closed Alderman 'Hinky Dink' Kenna's bar room as prohibition closed his "workingmen's exchange." The later place on Lower Clark street dispensed the largest tumbler of beer for a nickel in the old days. The bar room where Kenna catered to his more select customers and greeted his political friends, has been rented for a restaurant at $1000 a month. The ward alderman said he paid $18 a month but had been losing money just to have "a hangout for the boys."

Patti Home Sold.

London, Mar. 18.—Craig-y-Nos castle, in Wales, the home of the famous Madame Adeline Patti, has been sold to the Welsh National memorial association.

Directors Sound Death Knell Over High School Frats

Concerning the barring of secret societies in the Portland public schools, Ben Hur Lampman in the Oregonian writes as fololws:

Evil days have come up on the "Geeks" of the high school. You pronounce it that way because the "e" is long. Likewise the councils of the Eta Bita Pi are disrupted. And as for the several varieties of Gamma, whose places that have known them—ruined barns and lonely byways—shall never know them more. In the vernacular of the high school youth, beyond the sparatan rule of the English instrutor, "the stuff is off."

By the fiat of the school board, directors of Portland school district No. 1, high school fraternities are under the ban. The announcement that they must surrender their charters, or whatever is done when a Greek letter society gives its last gasp, carried consternation to city high schools yesterday. And the board, armed with authority to suspend the rebellious, is intently observing the effect of its decree.

An initiation ceremony is thus described by a writer:

"Both times they brought five boys with them as candidates. The ceremony was the same each Saturday. Consisted of stripping the candidates, rubbing their bare bodies with what appeared to be a dark brown oil, and then applying tar. After this the candidates were rolled in straw.

"You might think that they were thoroughly initiated—but more followed. Liniment, of a very powerful brand, was then applied until the victims danced and howled.

Tar Essential to Rite.

Publicity to the board's decision brought still another report of a "frat" initiation. In this instance the candidate, naked and daubed with tar, had been left to his own devices by his newly-acquired "brothers," and had called for paternal aid.

"We are prepared to go as far as the law and our consciences will permit us," asserted School Director Woodward last night. "There is to be an end to these organizations. We believe that the honor and good sense of the students will respond to our attitude and enlist them in co-operation with us rather than in opoisition. But, come what will, the fraternal organizations must go. They have no place in the high school life of Portland."

D. A. R. Conference Draws Near Close; Many Reports Made

Several short addresses, reports of state chairmen, a report of the committee on resolutions and reports of chapter regents were the outstanding features during this morning's session of the eighth annual conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution which will come to an end here this evening. Meetings are being held in the house of representatives at the state house.

Singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" opened the session today. Mrs. F. M. Wilkins of Eugene led the pledge to the flag which followed.

"International Relations," was the subject dealt with by Miss Elizabeth Fox, dean of women at the University of Oregon.

"Real Daughters," was the topic on which Mrs. Charles H. Cusick spoke, while Mrs. H. C. Eakin talked on "Conservation."

Other reports this morning were by Mrs. A. H. Workman on "Children of the American revolution;" Mrs. William Evans on "Magazine;" Mrs. J. N. Davis on "Child welfare;" Mrs. Esther Allen Jobes on "Americanization and patriotic education;" Mrs. C. E. Wolverton on "Desecration of the flag;" Mrs. Willard Marks on "Chapter extension;" Mrs. J. Thorburn Ross on "Historical and literary reciprocity," and Mrs. J. B. Bogart on "Revolution relics for Memorial Continental hall."

At 12:30 today the annual banquet of the organization was held at the Marion hotel, with the state officers and regents as the guests of honor. Among the important features of this afternoon's program will be the invitation for the 1922 conference.

Friend Of Ex-Tanks Is Called

New York, Mar. 19.—The body of John H. Myburn, "the drunkard's friend" was expected to be brought back today from Clifton Springs, to lie in state in the famous old Jerry MacAuley mission, over which he presided for fifteen years. Mr. Wyburn died last Thursday on his 62nd birthday.

Himself an 'ex-tank" as he expressed it, Mr. Wyburn achieved marked success in his work at the mission. Hundreds of "extanks" now prosperous business men, are expected to visit the dingy little mission in Water street and pay final tribute to their friend.

Fair Weather Is Prediction

Washington, Mar. 19.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Pacific states—Generally fair except along the north coast where occasional rains are probable; normal temperature.

Mrs. Hayter Better.

Dallas, Or., Mar. 19.—Word has just been received from the attending physicians that Mrs. Mark Hayter, wife of Dr. Hayter, a prominent Dallas dentist, is recovering nicely from an operation recently undergone at the Dallas hospital and will be removed to her home the latter part of this week.

Suspect Admits Murder

Mystery Surrounding Death of Major Cronkshite at Camp Lewis Solved

Providence, R. I., March 19.—Roland R. Pothier of Central Falls, formerly an army sergeant, today formally admitted that he killed Major Alevander P. Cronkhite, son of Major General Adelbert Cronkhite, at Camp Lewis, Wash., October 25, 1918. The federal commissioner before whom he was arraigned accepted a plea of guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Major Cronkhite, who was in command of a battalion of infantry at Camp Lewis, had marched his men from camp for pistol practice, on the day of his death. During the noon hour while his men were at mess, the major walked some yards away behind a clump of bushes and began firing at an old tobacco tin as a target.

On his fifth shot, he turned toward some soldiers idling on the ground nearby and called out: "Did you see that shot?" The men turned toward him, when suddenly another shot was heard and they saw Major Cronkhite fall. There was a bullet wound under his right arm pit.

An army court of inquiry reported that the officer had shot himself accidentally, but upon the return of Major General Cronhite from France, a new investigation was started, the body was exhumed and experts are said to have asserted that the wound could not have been self inflicted.

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 19.—Department of Justice agents here, under instructions from Washington, D. C., recently conducted an investigation into the death of Major Alexander Cronkhite at Camp Lewis Tacoma, in 1918. When the inquiry was completed it was said that the report of an official board at Camp Lewis, which had found Major Cronkhite met his death accidentally while on the camp pistol range, had been substantiated.

A report of the investigation which was not made public here, was forwarded to the department at Washington.

Department of justice agents here today declined to comment on the detention at Providence, R. I., of Roland Porthier, former service man, in connection with Major Cronkhite's death.

Strike Call Of Packers to Wait Hearing

Chicago, Mar. 19.—The two representatives of the Union packing house employes, accompanied by executives of nine other unions signatories to the war time arbitration agreement in the packing industry, today were on their way to Washington with representatives of the packers to appear before Secretary Davis of the department of labor Monday. Ballots of the employes at packing centers throughout the country received up today showed a vote of 44,799 to 618 in favor of a strike if the union leaders fail to obtain revision of the packers recently instituted wage cut and rearrangement of working hours.

Mr. Lane announced today that official count of the vote in the Kansas City yards showed 5224 men authorizing a strike and 79 voting against one.

Other vote results announced today follow:

St. Joseph, Mo., for strike 1614; against 17.

Wheeling, W. Va., for 522; against 2.

Cleveland, for 1769; against 42.

Harding May Visit Coast On Vacation

Tacoma, Wash., Mar. 19.—Elmer Dover, western manager of the republican campaign last year and a close friend of President Harding, said on his returned from Washington today that the president is giving serious consideration to an invitation to spend his vacation next summer in the northwest.

Mr. Dover said he had explained to the president the advantages of the summer climate in this section together with the opportunity to fish and play golf.

Polk Ranch Sold.

Dallas, Or., Mar. 19.—One of the old time farmers of the Airlie community, T. P. Bevens, was in Dallas a few days ago transacting business pertaining to his holdings in the Airlie country. Mr. Bevens is now living in Corvallis where he is sending his children to school but he returned to Polk county recently to dispose of his Lewisville ranch which contains about 320 acres of land. Messrs. Wood and Beam of Albany were the parties who bought the Bevens ranch.

Portlander Missing.

Portland, Or., Mar. 19.—Dr. Jefferson D. Fenton, prominent Portland physician, has been missing since last Sunday, his family have reported to the police. He had a daughter in Seattle, but no trace of him was found there, said relatives.

Oregon Man Is Mentioned for Ministership

Washington, Mar. 19.—Daniel Boyd, Enterprise, Or., was presented today to President Harding by Senator McNary, Oregon, who urged his appointment as minister to Nicaragua.

Allies Explain Extension of Occupation Zone

Paris, Mar. 19.—The occupation of Mulheim and Speldorf railway stations in the Ruhr district of Germany by French troops was simply a further step in the plan adopted by the London reparations conference, it was explained here today.

Six Crown Soldiers Killed In Ambush

Belfast, March 19.—A great ambush by Irish republican forces near Kinsale, County Cork, this morning in which six crown soldiers were killed and five wounded, is reported. The attackrs suffered heavy casualties and the battle still is in progress.

Liljeqvist To Aid In Prosecution of Defunct Bank Case

L. A. Liljequist, for the past several years special assistant with the attorney general's office here, has been designated as special assistant prosecutor to assist District Attorney Ralles Moore of Jackson county ni the prosecution of the cases incident to the closing of the Bank of Jacksonville. Liljequist has been employed by the county court of Jackson county at the request of District Attorney Moore whose action, it is understood here, was based upon insistence on the part of Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, that assistance be secured in the further prosecution of the bank case.

Bramwell stated this morning that while he was interested in the prosecution of all the cases incident to the closing of the bank he was especially interested in the cases against W. D. Hines, vice president of the defunct institution against whom the Jackson county grand jury has returned twenty counts on charges of aiding and abetting Wm. H. Johnson, president of the bank, in the publication and certification of false statements and reports concerning the condition of the bank.

It is known here that Moore was advised to employ assistance in the prosecution of the bank cases prior to the opening of those cases. Governor Olcott during a visit of Moore to the capitol, is known to have advanced such a suggestion which is said to have been rejected by Moore who did not regard assistance as necessary. At that time he is said to have made the statement that he had been elected to serve the people as prosecutor and that he intended to so serve and that if any assistance was employed it would be merely to take care of the routine affairs of his office. The loss of two of the bank cases together with Bramwell's insistence upon the employment of assistance in the further prosecution of these cases is regarded here as having caused Moore to change his views with regard to the need for assistanee.

Seen In The Crimelight

Redding, Cal., Mar. 19.—Superior Judge Charles O. Busick today denied the motion of counsel for William H. Norris of Terre Haute, Ind., to set aside the plea of guilty and judgment of death which had been made yesterday.

Spokane, Wash., Mar. 19.—A charge of manslaughter was placed today against P. C. Heddle, driver of an automobile which collided with a streetcar here yesterday morning, killing one woman and fatally injuring a man.

Reno, Nev., Mar. 19.—James H. Neven, Nevada politician and mining man, was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death by shooting of Mrs. Etta Hanna, in the latter's apartment here February 3. The case was given to the jury last night. One ballot was taken this morning and jury reported its verdict.

Grand Jury Returns Three Indictments

Three secret indictments were returned this morning by the grand jury in its report to Judge Percy Kelly of department No. 1 of the circuit court.

No information was available from the office of the district attorney or the sheriff as to what cases were referred to or whom the offenders are.

The jury has been in session since Thursday afternoon, when it met at the court house after some delay caused by the illness of one of its members.

Cash Rules as King In Home of Dead Beats

London, Mar. 19.—Becky Sharp, and all of her ilk, have been ruled out of the West End. They haven't a chance any more of living on their wits and by the lavish credit which, of yore, tradesmen extended as a matter of course to all of the socially elect, or to those that appeared to have been elected.

Figuratively speaking, "spot cash" is the rule. Not spot cash exactly as we understand it in America, but at least monthly settlements and prompt payment of bills.

England, of old, was perhaps the world's greatest city for long-time credit. Really, one never-even considered paying for a thing on purchase. It would be indelicate in a "tradesman" to suggest such a thing, or to be over-fast about sending his account. Some sent quarterly bills, with slight expectation of payment the first once or twice they circulatized their customers. Others rendered accounts every six months or a year. They worried not; they obtained one to two years' credit from their wholesalers.

In the best circles money wasn't discussed. It just wasn't done.

Today the city, off across London from the district of social frivol, is buried in gloom. The city men measure their financial standing by the extent of "overdraft" a bank permits them. They're proud over an overdraft. Only a grade double-A business man is allowed that luxury in these days of close money. There's a brighter outlook due this month, 'tis said. The tide will turn them.

But the West End won't change. It has entered a new era. The old days of long accounts and forelock touching tradesmen are gone.

Saville Row and Sackville street render their tailoring accounts monthly now instead of semi-annually or yearly. Garage accounts are payable fortnightly. And must be paid. Hotels insist on weekly settlements. Servants are paid monthly instead of quarterly, and there are no days or weeks, or months of grace, unless the socially elect wish to face a threatened walkout.

Woman Known Here Sought In Suicide Case

Chicago, Mar. 19.—In full view of hundreds of pedestrians, George J. Kuebler, president of the International Fire Insurance company, jumped or fell from his office on the tenth floor of an office building here today.

The window of the office was open and as the sill is only two feet from the floor, it was believed that he may have fallen out while attempting to pull down the shade, or might have stumbled over a chair.

A small pistol with one cartridge discharged was found on the body.

CHICAGO PAPER SEEKING DELIA CROWDER MILLER

A Chicago newspaper, seeking details concerning the death of George J. Kuebler, president of the International Fire Insurance company, today requested information from The Capital Journal relative to the relationship which endured between the dead man and Mrs. Delia Crowder Miller, former professor of public speaking at Willamete university.

Mr. Kuebler visited in Salem about one year ago last Christmas as the guest of Mrs. Miller at her apartments at 666 Ferry street. Mrs. Miller's son, Orville Crowder Miller, was a resident of the apartments at the time.

Marriage Once Rumored.

"I don't think I'll marry George Kuebler—at least not until we're better acquainted," is the statements accredited by former neighbors to Mrs. Miller shortly before she left here last August, presumably to join Mr. Kuebler.

Acquaintances of Mrs. Miller said that, although the Chicago man visted here several days, none of her neighbors was permitted to meet him.

Mrs. Miller was an instructor at Willamette university last year, but tendered her resignation before the school year ended. She was succeeded by her son.

Whether Mrs. Miller ever married the insurance man, local acquaintances cannot say. One of the letters received from her a few months ago was written from the Hotel del Prado, in Chicago. She is about 45 years of age and her son is about 24.

The apron is the first article of clothing mentioned in history.

Decker Assumes Entire Blame In Brutal Murder

Religious Appeal Contained In Letter Breaks Down Boy's Denials; Slugged Chum to Death With Iron Bar and Later Left Body In Buggy In Front of Train

Warsaw, Ind., March 19.—Memories of his early religion revived by a letter urging him to confess his sins and seek forgiveness, combined with the softening influence of motherly advice given by Mrs. C. B. Moon, wife of the sheriff of Kosciusko county, has resulted in a confession from Virgil Decker, 18 years old, in which he declares that he alone was responsible for the death of his chum, LeRoy Lovett, a 19 year old youth of Elkhart, Ind.

Since his arrest Tuesday at Marion, Ind., on the charge of murdering Lovett, the Decker boy has insisted that he had no part in Lovett's death.

Yesterday he received a letter from Mrs. George Walker of Nappanee, a woman who, unknown to him, made a deeply religious appeal that he "confess everything to the man you have harmed," and imploring him to "lean on Jesus."

Asks for Bible

Late yesterday Decker requested a bible. Later Mrs. Moon heard him talking as he walked about his cell. She listened and heard him quoting the scriptures.

"Did you find something to comfort you?" she asked.

"My favorite verse is John, chapter 3, verse 16," he said, and he quoted:

"'For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Isn't that good?" he shouted. "It makes me feel better already."

Used Iron Bar

"But, Virgil, if you keep on telling lies, don't you know that you will only make your case worse?" suggested Mrs. Moon.

"Yes, I know it but I have made my peace with God and I'm ready to tell all," declared the boy.

Early today Decker confessed he had struck his chum on the head with an iron bar as he slept in a cottage on the Tippecanoe river near here, and several hours later returned to the cottage with a horse and buggy, taking Lovett's body to a nearby railroad crossing where it was struck by a train.

"The devil drove me to it," Decker told Sheriff C. B. Moon, after signing his confession and would add no other explanation. He contradicted his previous statement that a man named "Guy" was with them, finally admitting he had committed the crime unassisted.

He denied that the transfer of his own clothing to Lovett's body had been a part of a plan to collect insurance totalling nearly $30,000, payable to Fred Decker, his brother in event of the death by accident of Virgil Decker.

Several times, he said, he drove across the railroad crossing, trying to make up his mind to leave Lovett on the crossing.

"Finally I saw a train coming from the east," he confessed, "and drove on the railroad track, unhitched the horse, leaving the buggy with LeRoy lying in the seat on the track and I ran down the road south in the direction the horse went.

Sought to Cover Tracks

"The reason I placed my suit of overalls and shoes on LeRoy was that I thought when the train struck the buggy LeRoy would be cut so bad he could not be identified and some of my clothes would be found on him and they would think it was me and I would have a chance to get away."

Lovett died shortly after his body was found.

Food Prices Continue to Hit Tobogan

Federal Statistics Show a Decline of Nine Percent; 44 Articles Listed

Washington, Mar. 19—Food costs of the average family declined 9 per cent in February as compared with January, the bureau of labor statistics announces. All of 44 articles reported, except hens, decreased in price, the figures showing hens having increased less than 5-10 of one per cent.

Strictly fresh eggs were down 39 per cent; storage eggs 35 per cent; potatoes 13 per cent; rice, 12 per cent; pork chops, 9 per cent; plate bef and sugar, 8 per cent; chunk roast, lamb, butter, lard and prunes 7 per cent; round steak and fresh milk, 6 per cent; sirloin steak, rib roast, oleomargarine, crisco and onions, 5 per cent; nut margarine and cornmeal, 4 per cent; bacon, flour, rolled oats, navy beans, cabbage, baked beans, coffee and oranges, 3 per cent; bread, canned corn, canned peas, canned tomatoes and bananas, 2 per cent; canned salmon, evaporated milk, cheese, corn flakes, macaroni, tea and raisins one per cent.

All articles of food combined decreased 21 per cent during the year but five articles which increased during the period were raisins 25 per cent, macaroni 7 per cent, rolled oats 3 per cent; cream of wheat 2 per cent and tea less than five-tenths of one per cent.

During the eight periods from February, 1913, the increase in all articles of food was 63 per cent.

Banks Blamed For War Upon Closed Shop

Columbus, Ohio, Mar. 19.—That the banking interests of the country control the railroads and should be blamed for the war on the closed shop and the national agreement is the assertion made by Will Robson, Detroit, vice-president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railway Shop Laborers, addressing members of the Columbus associated railroad crafts.

Robson said the laying off of workers constitutes an effort to break union labor and is not due to industrial depression.

Reduction of the value of government bonds, in which laborers had invested because of their patriotism, is part of the plan to break union labor.

"They would perjure Uncle Sam because they don't give a dams for the word of the United States government or anyone else, so long as it means a nickel to them," said Robson.

A triple alliance of railroad men, coal miners and steel workers was favored by S. G. Linscott, of Basil, general chairman of the Toledo & Ohio Central railroad system of the organization.

White People In Portland Total 252,951 by Count

Washington, Mar. 19—The white population of Portland, Or., in 1920 was 252,961 with 1846 Chinese, 1715 Japanese, 1556 negroes and 226 Indians, Filipinos and others, the census bureau announced today. The Chinese population decreased 2853 or 67.5 per cent.

There are over 300,000 Boy Scouts in the British empire.

Noon Services for Easter Week Oregon Theatre

Arrangements have been made for services in the Oregon theater every day next week during the noon hour. This custom is one being followed in all the large cities in observance of Holy week, and the endeavor is to provide a hearing for Christian principles by the business world for a few minutes at least six week days out of the year. The management of the Oregon theater has kindly donated the use of the theater for the services, and the Salem Ministerial association will provide a program each day. There will be a sacred selection on the pipe organ by Mr. McDonald, invocation and scripture reading, brief address by one of the pastors, special vocal musical number, each day. The services will begin promptly at 12:10 p. m. and close at 12:45. At the first service Monday noon F. G. Deckebach will act as chairman, Rev. R. E. Kirkpatrick will deliver the address and Rev. H. C. Stover will sing a solo. The general public is cordially invited to attend these services. Admission free.