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OREGON: Tonight and Wednesday fair, cooler tonight east portion; warmer Wednesday, except near the coast; moderate westerly winds.
LOCAL: No rainfall; easterly winds; clear; maximum 81, minimum 45, set 47; river minus .9 feet and falling.

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BRIBERY CHARGE MADE

Farmer Scores Service

Secretary of Rural Line Near The Dalles Says Telephone Rate Rise Unjustified

The troubles of the farmer telephone users of Wasco county were told on the stand before the public service commission this morning by A. C. Cook, secretary of the Dry Hollow and Three Mile Telephone company. He was put on the stand by Miss Cecelia L. Gavin, city attorney of The Dalles.

Cook testified that the farmers in his section, in many instances were not able to stand the increase in rates made by the order of March 1, and had not paid, though they had not been cut off the lines.

He said that up to the time the new rates went into effect there had been but little if any complaint about the service, but that since that time there had been continual trouble. He had stood for fifteen minutes at a time waiting for central, and had then been unable to get her, he said, while some of his neighbors had waited for half an hour at a time without result. He had held the clock on his efforts he said.

In cross-examination by James T. Shaw, for the company, he said that the people at The Dalles exchange treated him well and that he had no reason to complain about anything other than the service, so far as his treatment by the company officials were concerned.

Cook also said that his company has hired linemen recommended by the Pacific company officials paying a dollar an hour for the same men that the company paid five dollars a day. The rates on his line had always been fifty cents a month up to three years ago when they were raised to one dollar a month, to cover depreciation and incidentals, but that this extra assessment was still in the bank for the most part.

On cross-examination Cook said his company had bought its instruments from the Western Electric company for \$12.50 each. He also said that when repair work was to be done on the line he usually did it and was paid good wages by his company. His company he said had been raised from \$4.20 to \$9 a year for exchange service with the Pacific company and he contended that an increase of one hundred ten per cent was unreasonable. He argued that the commission did not guarantee him a profit on his business and he did not think it was fair for the telephone company to be given an unreasonable profit, testimony which led to a long colloquy between the witness and Shaw in the effort of the attorney to determine what Cook considered to be a reasonable profit.

Miss Gavin asked Cook if he thought the service he was now getting was worth nine dollars a year and he said it was not worth four dollars, the old rate, because he hated to get so mad when he tried to get central that he forgot his number.

Herbert J. Flagg, consulting engineer of the bureau of public works of the state of Wash., where the company has served no one, it intends to ask for an increase in rates, is in attendance at the hearing getting pointers for the battle that is brewing in his state. Frank J. Miller, former chairman of the Oregon commission was a visitor yesterday afternoon and looked much happier than when he formerly sat with the commission.

Kirby Brothers Visit Condemned Prisoner at Pen

Forest and David Kirby, brothers of Elvie Kirby, alias Jim Owens, who was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Sheriff T. Taylor in Pendleton some time ago, have been in the city a couple of days visiting their brother. Elvie Kirby is at present awaiting a new trial following a stay of execution granted him recently.

Identification Of Mystery Murder Body Up to Jury

Roseburg, Or., July 19.—Identification of the headless body found under the wrecked automobile of Dr. R. M. Brumfield last Thursday morning formed the principal task of the coroner's jury which began the inquest here today. The circuit court room, where the inquest was held, was crowded to capacity before the hearing began.

Opinions of witnesses who had been subpoenaed differed sharply as to identification. Some were firm that the body was that of Dr. Brumfield, while others were certain it was the body of Dennis Russell, the laborer for whose alleged murder Dr. Brumfield is being sought by the authorities. A pair of shoes recently purchased by Russell figured in testimony offered by a Myrtle Creek merchant named Selig, who produced a pair of shoes which he said were similar to those sold and which he declared were like those found on the body. Black socks, overalls, gray hair, watch, fountain pen, letters and other articles found on the body were exhibits, having been identified as those of Russell.

Testimony to the effect that the body was that of Dr. Brumfield, which was outlined included identification of the ring found on the fingers of the dead man, the shape of the fingers, the condition of the finger nails and the contour of the body.

Burglar Mystery Fizzles; Police Kept Story Dark

The cloak of mystery covering the activities of Salem police, who yesterday said they knew nothing concerning the disturbance at the home of Mrs. Daniel Fry, Jr., Saturday night, was tardily lifted at council meeting last night through the kind offices of Alderman H. H. Vandervort, who demanded that an explanation be forthcoming.

Although no entry to that effect was made on the police blotter, two youths, said to be high school students, were taken into custody by the Salem police. They—whatever their names are—appear to be window "peepers" of some experience. According to Ralph Thompson, chairman of the police committee, who answered Mr. Vandervort's plea for enlightenment, the youths admitted their "peeping" activities at the Fry home, and also confessed they had been similarly engaged on past occasions. Finding two women alone at the Fry home they placed their noses near one of the windows and were interrupted only by the appearance of the police.

The boys were taken before Judge Earl Race in the police court Sunday morning by Chief of Police Moffitt. No charge was preferred against them and so, after they had been severely reprimanded, they were dismissed. Mrs. Fry originally had believed that the "peepers" were burglars, and the disturbance became clouded with mystery when Chief Moffitt explained he knew nothing of it.

Busick and Solof Each Pay Fine of \$10 In Court Here

J. L. Busick, of the Busick grocery store, and Louis Solof, of the People's Cash store, were yesterday fined \$10 each, together with costs, when they pleaded guilty to a charge of offering for sale food not securely protected from flies, dirt and dust.

Mr. Busick and Mr. Solof, prominent Salem grocers, were arrested Saturday on warrants sworn to by L. S. Leach, deputy state food commissioner.

Bankers Discuss Plans to Stabilize Dollar at Session

Minneapolis, Minn., July 19.—Sessions of the nineteenth annual convention of the American Institute of Banking began here today with more than one thousand delegates, elected by 45,000 bankers of the country assembled. A feature of the convention will be a debate on Wednesday between New York city members and the Omaha chapter on the Professor Irving Fisher plan of stabilizing the dollar with the New Yorkers on the affirmative.

Baseball Trial Is Opened

Chicago Club Officers Say Contracts Govern Players During World Series

Chicago, July 19.—Bill Burns, former major league pitcher, took the stand in the trial of the indicted White Sox players today to tell his first hand story of the alleged conspiracy to throw the 1919 world series. Burns was indicted as one of the conspirators but acted on promises of immunity, to turn state's evidence.

Burns first gave a brief story of his early life saying he left school when 19, entering professional baseball in 1906 with Los Angeles. After several years in major league clubs he worked for a mining company in Texas, he said, and then went into the oil business. During the past year, he said, he had not worked.

"Do you remember meeting one defendant in a New York hotel about September 16 or 17?" asked Mr. Gorman of the state.

"Yes, Eddie Cicotte," Cicotte was then identified by Burns as the man he met.

"What did Cicotte say to you?" "He told me they were figuring on..."

Testimony Ruled Out. The defense lawyers objected to Burns telling of his conversation with Cicotte or any one else preceding the alleged conspiracy.

Chicago, July 19.—William (Kid) Gleason and Harry Grabiner, manager and secretary, respectively of the Chicago White Sox, testified for the state today in the baseball trial, telling of the contracts between the indicted players and the club. Their testimony was designed to prove the prosecution's contention that the men were under contract to the club during the world series and not just in the regular season as the defense contends.

Both men said the players were under contract in the series and cross-examination by the defense failed to shake their testimony, although they could not point out any clause in the contracts which were admitted as evidence specifically mentioning the world series.

Side Comment Heard. Testimony of the two White Sox officials brought some interesting side play among the players on trial. As Grabiner recited details of the contracts which seemed to favor the prosecution the players remarked in an undertone "there's a double" or "he hit that one on the nose." When the secretary told of a bonus given Eddie Cicotte and Claude Williams, one of the defendants remarked:

"Oh boy! A triple with two on." "But there are not any home runs yet," said Cicotte, and as Grabiner became a little confused by the questions "Happy" Felsch whispered "he lost that one in the sun."

"Lost it nothing," said Joe Jackson. "He just booted it."

Special Board Is To Govern Normal School

Pending the election of a new president of the Oregon Normal school, to succeed the late J. H. Ackerman, the executive committee of the board of regents today named a special committee which will meet daily and which will serve in place of the president.

The committee is composed of J. B. V. Buter, senior member of the faculty; Arthur Beattie, head of the rural department, and Miss Jessica Todd, dean of women.

A meeting of the board of regents will be called sometime during the month of August, to elect a successor to President Ackerman, it was stated.

Top Price For Logans Is Reached

Late Sale of 50 Tons At 3 1/2 Cents Marks Crest of Cash Offerings Here

Three and a half cents is the top notch cash price paid for loganberries this season on the open market. Fred Mangis, of Bangis Brothers commission house, reported that he paid such a price for berries last week when buying small amounts for concerns which entered the market late and who were unable to contract their supply earlier in the season. The quantity purchased amounted to about 50 tons.

The half cent increase is above the market price and there is little hope for a general increase, for the season is more than half over and a majority of growers have already signed up with cooperative or privately operated concerns.

Due to the cheapness of the berries this year and the reasonable price of the finished product as well as the decrease in sugar prices at the beginning of the season it is stated by cannerymen that loganberries canned and made into syrup goods will receive greater distribution than ever before.

Last year with high prices of raw and finished berries the demand was small even though the country was much more financially prosperous than at present. For this reason jobbing houses and middle men took every advantage possible to obtain reduction in their amounts due on delivered canned produce.

With the low price cannerymen expect no such difficulties and are optimistic as far as distribution, markets and deliveries are concerned.

The condition of the berries received now by the packing plants is extremely good. They are said to be firmer due to the dry, warm weather following the rains earlier in the season.

Attorneys For Todd Object To Cost Bill

Amounting to \$195.15 the cost bill of the suit for the recovery of \$996 brought by H. H. Vandevort against John W. Todd and which took ten days of the court's time was filed by the plaintiff's attorney this morning in the circuit court and objected to by lawyers for the defendant.

The objections take exception to the expense of 19 of the witnesses, amounting to \$65.50 on the grounds that they were parties to the suit having assigned their claims of \$500 each to H. H. Vandevort. The persons named in the objections filed are: P. L. Wilkins, P. J. Kuntz, F. K. Evans, Mary B. Young, W. I. Young, Fred F. Pound, J. B. Hilsman, A. J. Beasley, A. E. Cummings, George L. Cummings.

Bergdoll's Mother Claims She Paid \$50,000 To Help Obtain Freedom For Son

Money Given to Major Campbell For Use "Among High Officials In Washington and New York." Witness Declares; Demand for \$100,000 Refused As Excessive

Washington, July 19.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, of Philadelphia, today told a house committee investigating the escape of Grover C. Bergdoll her slacker son, that she gave five thousand dollars to Major Bruce Campbell, an army officer at Governor's Island for use "among high officials at Washington" to help obtain his freedom.

Campbell, she said, first demanded one hundred thousand dollars, but she refused.

Mrs. Bergdoll said she took the money to the island and handed it to Grover, by whom it was turned over to Campbell. Campbell, she said, told her he had passed the money to another officer for the purpose indicated.

Major Campbell recently told the committee he did not receive one dollar from the Bergdolls. He has been summoned from Camp Pike, Ark., to answer the charge of Mrs. Bergdoll.

Mrs. Bergdoll said she did not know the name of the man mentioned by Campbell as having received the money but asserted "he was an agent of the government."

"Campbell told me he could not accept any money for himself," said Mrs. Bergdoll, "but that he wanted the one hundred thousand dollars for the higher ups in Washington and New York."

Food Prices Show Little Drop In June

Washington, July 19.—The retail cost of food to the average family declined three tenths of one per cent in June as compared with prices in May while the wholesale food prices declined slightly less than one percent, according to a statement today by the department of labor. Declines were noted in the retail prices of sugar, plate beef, cheese, baked beans, ribs, roasts, bacon, canned salmon, fresh milk, bread, macaroni, canned tomatoes, coffee and prunes.

Among articles which increased in retail price were potatoes, flour and ham. Wholesale prices of farm products showed a decline of three and a half percent. Wholesale food prices decreased equally while declines in the wholesale prices of clothing and miscellaneous commodities were more than one percent.

Funeral Of Overseas Man To Be Sunday

Portland, Ore., July 19.—The body of Robert O'Neill, machine gun corps, 26th infantry, who died overseas, is due here Thursday and will be buried to William O'Neill, Salem.

Robert O'Neill is the son of William O'Neill employed at the state training school. His brother, Dr. C. B. O'Neill and William O'Neill are also residents of Salem. He enlisted in Company K of the Oregon National guard when the war started, did guard duty at the mouth of the Columbia river and was killed during the fighting in the Argonne forest about October 7 or 8.

The funeral is being planned for Sunday at Rigdon undertaking parlors and will be under the auspices of the American legion. He was 29 years of age when word was received of his death, and was connected with the Riggs Optical company of Portland at the time of his enlistment.

Leonard Signed Up Grand Rapids, Mich. July 19.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, has agreed to meet an opponent yet to be named at Benson Harbor on Labor day, according to Promoter Floyd Fitzsimmons, who announced he was trying to sign up Rocky Kansas.

City Is Richer by \$10 for 2 Alleged Traffic Violations

Ten more dollars plunked into the city treasury yesterday afternoon as a result of traffic law violations which had been charged to A. C. Krieger, of Hubbard, and C. F. Brundridge.

Krieger forfeited \$5 bond when he failed to appear in court and Brundridge, who appeared, pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 by Judge Race.

Deduction Of Federal Tax Proper

Supreme Court Rules On Procedure To Be Followed In Inheritance Tax Cases

When computing the state inheritance tax the federal inheritance tax is a proper deduction, according to an opinion handed down today by the Oregon supreme court, and written by Justice Harris which had to do with the case involving the estate of the late Robert D. Inman of Multnomah county.

Filed in the Multnomah county court, the original appraisal of the Inman estate was \$665,904.16. Upon stipulation of the parties interested, the appraisal later was increased to \$744,204.16, and the state inheritance tax was fixed at \$30,853.33. Subsequently the question arose as to whether the federal tax should have been deducted in computing the state inheritance tax and testimony on this question was heard by Judge Tazwell of Multnomah county, who held that the federal tax was not a proper deduction and that the state inheritance tax should be based on the entire amount involved in the appraisal.

In the opinion written by Justice Harris, Judge Tazwell is reversed, and the federal tax is held a proper deduction. The inheritance taxes paid during the last three years must now be refunded by the state treasurer.

Other opinions handed down were: James B. Hubbard and Claudia Hubbard, his wife, respondent, vs. Alsen-Roe Transfer company, appellant, appeal from Multnomah county. Action to recover money, on motion to dismiss. Opinion by Chief Justice Burnett; motion allowed.

George B. Carmichael, appellant vs. Mabel E. Carmichael, respondent; appeal from Umatilla county; motion to dismiss. Opinion by Justice Brown; motion allowed.

Stillwell vs. McDowell, petition for rehearing denied.

Brown vs. Austin; motion to bring up all testimony denied.

Capalla vs. Kullish, appellant; motion to substitute attorney and reinstatement appeal allowed.

Fox & company vs. Roman Catholic archbishop; motion to substitute attorney and diminish record allowed.

Hetsley vs. Tastman; motion to extend time for filing brief; respondent allowed until August 19 to file said brief.

Resident of Salem for 21 Years Is Dead

Joseph Rudolph, for the past 21 years a resident of Salem, died in a local hospital yesterday at the age of 71 years. He was well known as a brick mason of this city. He was born May 22, 1850, in Germany and came to America years ago.

The deceased is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Addie Patten of Falls City, Mrs. Alice Cummings of Centerville, Idaho, Mrs. Bertha Singleton of Palo Alto, Cal., and Mrs. Elizabeth Cook of Berlin, Or.; and two sons, Joseph Rudolph of Fossil and George Rudolph of Klamath Falls. His wife, Laura Rudolph, died here in 1912.