

Capital Journal



FAIR RECORDS BROKEN

GARDNER'S TRAIL PICKED UP, BELIEF

FUGITIVE VISITED RAYMOND

Photographs Identify Man Who Stayed at Hotel As Escaped Convict

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 28.—Police, postal officials, and special agents of railroads were piecing together bits of information today in an effort to pick up the trail of a man believed to be Roy Gardner, who escaped from McNeil Island penitentiary Labor day afternoon. No trace of the man has been found since he disappeared from a garage near Chehalis. He robbed the garage of gasoline and oil, and the number of his car was taken. The number is the same as an automobile stolen from George Peoples, of Raymond, last Friday night.

Chief of Police W. G. Shumway of Raymond, was more certain than ever today that Gardner was in Raymond to Friday of last week, that he took the automobile and that he committed the garage robbery at Chehalis.

At the same time that the stranger vanished from Raymond the proprietor of the lodging house where he stopped disappeared. Chief Shumway denied today that a warrant has been issued for the proprietor's arrest, but he said he had learned he was seen in San Francisco yesterday. He is not charged with any offense but the prosecuting attorney of Pacific county is considering what action should be taken.

"I believe it was this man who carried the letter from Gardner to the San Francisco Bulletin," said Chief Shumway today. "It has been learned that he was an old friend of Gardner, and he often told about knowing Gardner well."

Chief Shumway said an examination of the room where the suspect stayed revealed medical preparations such as would be used in treating a wound, as well as materials for banding up a wound.

"A dozen people here have positively identified the man as Gardner after being shown his picture," the officer said. "He posed as an old railroad man and a personal friend of the hotel proprietor. He talked with other roomers by the hour, and by his very frankness threw them off the scent."

Chief Shumway was not told of the suspicions until the man had disappeared. He then investigated the case, notified Portland, Tacoma and San Francisco federal officials, and kept his own counsel in the hope the man could be headed off.

Chehalis, where the suspect and the stole automobile were last seen, is only four miles from Centralia, where Gardner was captured last June after his escape from guards on a train at Castle Rock.

The automobile was driven from Raymond to Chehalis Friday night and turned south there, as the garage that was robbed is on the Pacific highway at Jackson's Prairie. The car at that time was headed north toward Portland. To reach Portland it would have passed through Castle Rock and a country familiar to Gardner.

Chief Shumway said the authorities were not notified to be on the lookout for Gardner until Monday, giving him three days start if it were really he in the car.

The family of the hotel proprietor in Raymond has also disappeared and it is the theory of Chief Shumway that if the proprietor went to San Francisco, he traveled by train, arriving there Sunday or Monday.

Edward Henry Enright was convicted by a jury at Vale of murder in the first degree, with the recommendation of life sentence, for the killing of John Joyce, May 9.

Wife Appeals To Bandit Gardner To Go Back To Prison

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Mrs. Dolly Gardner, wife of Roy Gardner, mail bandit, who escaped from McNeil Island federal prison September 5, published a letter in the San Francisco Bulletin today addressed "Roy Gardner, somewhere," and asking him to return to the prison. The letter followed receipt of a letter by the Bulletin from Gardner detailing his escape and enclosing a plea to President Harding for clemency.

Mrs. Gardner's letter said: "Dear Roy:—In your letter to President Harding you said you had ended your criminal career. To show you really mean this go back to McNeil Island. You cannot be a hunted man and lead an honorable life.

"Show President Harding and every one you are the man I have always said you were. Most any one can be taken back but it takes a Roy Gardner and a thoroughbred to go back of his own accord and take his chances with the rest.

"The law renders your friends powerless to help you under present circumstances.

"Roy, do this one thing for my sake and little Jean's. I want to do the best thing for you. That is why I ask this of you.

"Think this over but do not let others think for you.

"Lovingly—Dolly."

FALLS IN TRAPLAD BY JAILER

Dr. Brumfield's Fake Lapse of Memory Uncovered—No More Mania Stuff Goes

Roseburg, Or., Sept. 28.—Unless Dr. R. M. Brumfield, alleged slayer of Dennis Russell asks for his wife, she will not be permitted to visit the jail, Sheriff Starmer announced today.

"From now on there is going to be no more of this 'Mamie' stuff," said the sheriff after Mrs. Brumfield had visited her husband and was greeted as "Mamie."

"If Brumfield wants to see his wife, we'll allow her to enter but he has to call for his wife and not for a sister who has been dead for 15 years," the sheriff added.

Sheriff Starmer reported he had sprung a conversational trap on the prisoner, whom he suspects of feigning lapse of memory to aid in his defense. After Dr. Brumfield had told his wife, addressing her as "Mamie," that the sheriff had lied to him the day before in representing to him a newspaper reporter as his attorney, the sheriff reproved the prisoner, saying: "What do you mean by tell your wife that I lied to you?"

The sheriff reported Dr. Brumfield began to stammer: "Well, you did lie to me."

"Well what did you want to tell your wife for?" persisted Starmer.

"But you did lie to me. I shall never believe you again and I told her so," Dr. Brumfield replied.

"But what reason was that for telling your wife?" Starmer demanded again.

"Well, I—," the prisoner remarked. "Of course, it was my sister I was talking to, not my wife."

"Oh —," snapped the sheriff, "tell it to Sweeney."

Ku Klux Klan Making No Progress Here Says Governor

The Ku Klux Klan is making no progress in Oregon in the opinion of Governor Olcott who has so advised the New York World in reply to a query as to the governor's attitude toward this secret organization.

"Because of the wholesome conditions in Oregon, with little discontent and a satisfied people the Ku Klux Klan, although endeavoring to invade the state, has made little or no progress and I am informed it is now folding its tent like the Arab and as silently stealing away," the governor's telegram to the World reads.

"The Klan has been taken lightly here and because of the fact that it has made practically no impression on our people or our institutions the executive office of this state has deemed action or any particular comment unnecessary. I feel our government needs no subsidiary, secret, invisible corporation to assist it in the enforcement of its laws or to protect the liberties of its people.

"In Oregon, the great mass of the public not only has a distinct hand in making the laws but feels and shows deep respect for them after they are made.

"Our citizens ask aid from no organization that must work in dark and secret places and feel that such an organization has no place in their counsels or activities."

The World in its telegram to the governor states that so far its poll reveals only one executive—Governor Hardwick of Georgia—as giving the organization tacit approval. One other has evaded the issue and a large number have expressed unqualified disapproval of the invisible order's aims and methods.

Sidelights On The Fair

For the first time in his life, Hon. Heron E. Fell, a native of Oregon, is attending the state fair and she says it was a sacrifice to come this time, as he is busily engaged in getting the finishing touches on a new wool scouring mill at St. Johns. Mr. Fell is an officer of the big wool corporation recently established in Portland. He was a member of the legislature in 1889 from Umatilla and Morrow counties, but he has been out of politics for many years and was prominent in the establishment of the first scouring mill at Pendleton.

Records show that approximately 1,500 season tickets to the fair have been sold this year, according to J. E. McClintock, cashier. That is another record scored this season, according to Mr. McClintock, who added that but 1,100 were bought last year.

"We had surprisingly little trouble with the traffic, considering the number of cars," Chief of Police Moffitt said this afternoon. "For about five hours we were busy directing machines every minute, but there were no accidents reported." It was estimated that about 2,400 cars passed onto the grounds during the morning alone.

Lost dogs, lost check books, lost tickets, lost children—these and many more missing articles have been returned to their owners by the police since the gates opened this morning. A surprisingly large number of found articles have been turned into headquarters by the finders.

During the noon hour today it was impossible for thousands of persons to find restaurants in which they could get something

Examination For Postmaster Here Set For October 25

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28.—A n o n o u n c e m e n t was made today of a civil service examination to be held on October 25 to select postmaster for Salem, Oregon.

The office pays a salary of \$3760. The Salem office has been vacant since July 21.

Carl Wanderer To Hang Friday

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 28.—Carl Wanderer, convicted slayer of his wife, her unborn babe and a "fagged stranger," will go to the gallows Friday, according to announcement from the governor's office.

Wanderer lost his last fight for commutation of sentence to life imprisonment or another reprieve when the division of pardons and paroles recommended to Governor Small that Wanderer's petitions be denied.

British Plan to Give Work to Unemployed

London, Sept. 28.—Various proposals for relieving the unemployment situation in Great Britain were discussed by a committee of the British cabinet yesterday. A plan to revive home and export trade by the extension of credits was one of the matters taken up by the committee during the day.

Prime Minister Lloyd George plans to consult a number of leaders in commerce and industry at Fairloach Friday and will probably hear the views then of union leaders.

Thief Caught In Act With Trousers Off

Sioux City, Iowa, Sept. 28. * * * Burglars often catch their * * * victims with their trousers * * * off, but a Sioux City burglar * * * had the tables turned on him * * * by being caught with his * * * trousers off and clad only in * * * a union suit and a pair of * * * silk hose, late last night. The * * * man, who gave his name as * * * Nick Costellant, was caught * * * while robbing a men's fur- * * * nishing store by the proprie- * * * tor, John Kevill, and H. E. * * * Cody, a newspaperman. * * * When discovered he was don- * * * ning a new outfit, and had * * * \$500 worth of the best * * * clothes in the store packed in * * * two suitcases. * * * * * * * * *

TREATIES ORDERED RUSHED

Harding Approves of Plan For Night Sessions—Root to Arrive Soon for Conference

Washington, Sept. 28.—President Harding was understood to have given his approval today to plans of senate republican leaders to expedite ratification of the peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary. The program contemplates night sessions beginning tonight and continuing until opponents are agreeable to fixing a definite date for voting.

Elihu Root, one of the American delegates, has advised he would arrive here about October 1, prepared to proceed with work of the conference. Upon receipt of this information it was said by other American representatives that they would likely hold the first meeting of the American delegation next week.

The American delegates, who, besides Mr. Root, are Secretary Hughes and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Senator Underwood of Alabama, have not had any preliminary conferences.

Republican leaders at the capitol were of the opinion that congressional action on the administration bill for refunding the allied debts would be one of the questions to be considered.

Night Sessions To Speed Treaties

Washington, Sept. 28.—With a view to expediting action on the peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary and on tax revision legislation, republican leaders planned today to put through a program calling not only for night sessions of the senate, but for the beginning of the day sessions an hour earlier than usual. The tax bill would be considered during the day and the treaties at New York.

There is a desire to dispose of treaties before the beginning of the conference on the limitation of armaments and since the three parts must be acted upon separately, leaders plan to lose no time in getting their consideration fully under way.

Seven Salem Boys Pledged by Frats at U. of Oregon

Seven Salem students are among those pledged to men's fraternities at the University of Oregon, according to word received this afternoon. The list was announced last night as is as follows: Phi Gamma Delta, Paul Staley; Frank Chapman, Evan Jones; Kappa Sigma, J. Randall; William Ashby and B. Virdee; Sigma Chi, George White.

The Rev. Martin Forrester of Santa Cruz, Cal., has been appointed by the American Unitarian association to the pastorate of the Unitarian church at Salem.

LARGEST CROWDS IN HISTORY PASS THRU GATE ON SALEM DAY

Officials Estimate Attendance Today at 35,000 People; Crowds Throng Every Nook and Corner of Grounds; Band Concerts Are Big Feature

Salem, determined that her day at the fair should be a memorable one, today moved en masse to the state fair grounds which, according to official estimates, held to be conservative, are this afternoon jammed with no less than 35,000 persons.

Ideal weather conditions, orderly crowds, excellent displays, clean shows and an abundance of special features are contributing elements which made today what Secretary A. H. Lea termed the "greatest 18 hours in the fair's history."

The most skeptic observers have admitted that today—Salem Day—was unprecedented for crowds. Since 8 o'clock this morning all street cars leading to the grounds have been packed, all streets leading fairward have been lined with visitors and thousands of automobiles have made their way through the gates. Gate checkers who kept tab on the number of cars which entered the grounds stated that, up until noon, approximately 2,400 machines had arrived.

Thousands of those in attendance today brought with them their lunches which were eaten at any convenient spot, but the eating houses on the grounds were inadequate, regardless, and all restaurants on the grounds had in front of them long lines of hungry folk awaiting their turn to eat what might be handed out to them.

Considering the size of the crowd and its cosmopolitan nature, to 20 police officers patrol.

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McNary Asks For Repeal Of Traffic Taxes

Washington, Sept. 28.—Immediately after the senate took up the tax bill, Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, offered an amendment, proposing repeal of the freight, passenger and express transportation taxes on next January 1. The tax on oil by pipeline would be retained. The amendment went over.

The senate agreed to a committee change to the house bill designed to speed up settlement of the back taxes. The time limit for the final assessment of income, excess profit and war profits tax paid this year or hereafter was fixed at four years, instead of three, as in the house bill. In the case of such taxes due prior to 1921, the time limit for final settlement was made five years.

Speedy Return Of Prosperity Seems In Sight

New York, Sept. 28.—The speedy return of prosperity with plenty of work for all was predicted today by two notable figures in industrial and mercantile circles, Charles E. Bedford, president of the Vacuum Oil company, and John Wanamaker, merchant.

"Business revival week," said Mr. Wanamaker, "I think will be expanded into a business revival of years and years. I have more faith in America today and more expectation for the future than at any time in my sixty years as a merchant.

"Instead of curtailing our advertising we are enlarging it. Instead of standing pat on our stores as they have been we are refitting, re-arranging, rebuilding and improving them. To do this we have given employment to large bodies of mechanics and others day and night."

In Mr. Bedford's view conditions will be restored to normal by spring, barring unforeseen developments.

"The business of this company," he said, "has been increasing right along for some time, and we have been employing more men steadily. I know also that such big employers as the Westinghouse and General Electric companies have been approximately in the same position."

Defense Opens Arguments To Free Arbuckle

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—The defense in the preliminary hearing of Roscoe Arbuckle charged with the murder of Miss Virginia Rappe announced today that it was prepared to commence its effort to clear the motion picture comedian when Police Judge Sylvain J. Lazarus court resumed late today.

The prosecution completed its presentation of evidence yesterday without having called Mrs. Bambera Mande Delmont, complaining witness, and this move on the part of District Attorney Matthew Brady was wholly unexpected by Frank E. Dominguez of Los Angeles, chief of the Arbuckle defense staff, who protested that the woman be put on the stand.

Judge Lazarus told the prosecution that it was not necessary to have Mrs. Delmont testify but warned that they were risking the chance of having the complaint dismissed. Later he denied a motion of the defense to quash the charge against the screen comedian and then court adjourned until late this afternoon.

Awards Made On Vegetable Exhibits At Fair

Awards for the corn, potato and vegetable garden exhibits which were displayed in the old pavilion at the state fair grounds were announced this afternoon. Marion county exhibitors failed to place and Multnomah, Polk and Malheur entries featured most prominently.

The awards were as follows: Corn: Dyer Roberts, Malheur, first; William Roberts, Malheur, second; Elmer Parker, Malheur, third; Wesley Roberts, Malheur, fourth; Merle Grove, Douglas, fifth.

Potatoes: Alfred Wilson, Polk, first; William Elliott, Multnomah, second; Albert Davis, Multnomah, third; W. Ray Laskey, Multnomah, fifth.

Vegetable gardening: Carl Levara, Multnomah, first; George Wilson, Polk, second; Alfred Wilson, Polk, third; Woodrow Wilson, Polk, fourth; and Nick Spada, Multnomah, fifth.

Say Mrs. Mahoney Seen Alive Since Alleged Murder

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 28.—The defense in the trial of James E. Mahoney, charged with the alleged murder of his wife, will seek to prove by witnesses that Mrs. Mahoney was alive after April 16, the day the state alleges she was slain. L. B. Schwellenbach, of Mahoney's counsel, announced in outlining the defense case today.

Witnesses would also be called to prove that the body found in the "mystery trunk" here August 8 was not the body of Mrs. Mahoney, Attorney Schwellenbach stated.

Opening of the defense's case came after Judge J. T. Ronald had overruled defense counsel's objection to testimony by Captain of Detectives Tennant as to remarks Mahoney was alleged to have made after the flooding of the trunk. Tennant was allowed to take the stand and testified that Mahoney has said:

"I suppose that the worst you can do is to take me to Walla Walla (the state penitentiary) and hang me."

Judge Ronald then announced reversal of his decision of yesterday in admitting as an exhibit a letter alleged to have been written to Mahoney by a young woman in St. Paul, Minn., and intended by the state to show that Mahoney had been meeting the other woman while he was in St. Paul after the alleged slaying of his wife. The court explained that although the state declared the letter was intended for Mahoney, it has been addressed to another man and had never been seen by the defendant. The prosecution then rested.