

Capital Journal

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1922

PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

CIRCULATION
 Average for December 5613.
 Population of Salem, 1900, 4258;
 1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,679.
 Marion County, 1920, 47,177; Polk
 County, 1920, 34,181.
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THE WEATHER
 OREGON: Tonight and Wednesday rain or snow; colder tonight. Moderate southwesterly winds shifting to northwesterly gales.
 LOCAL: Trace rainfall; westerly winds; cloudy; max. 59, min. 40, river 4.4 feet and rising.

THREE DIE IN FLAMES IS REPORT

Others May Be Trapped Under Fallen Wall Is Belief; Richmond Hotel Burned

Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.—Three persons are known to be dead and at least twenty-five injured in a fire here early today which destroyed the Lexington hotel and several nearby buildings, with a loss estimated at \$150,000.

A wall at the fire escape collapsed and is believed to have entrapped several persons. Many were injured by leaping from windows. The flames quickly spread to the Savings bank of Richmond, the Pearl Laundry, the Cooperative Exchange, the Anderson-Willson Paper company plant and the Clyde W. Saunders printing plant, all of which were badly damaged.

The known dead are: Hiram B. Austin, Fincastle, Va.; M. J. Fox, Williamsport, Pa.; C. M. Thomas, sheriff of Albemarle county, Va.

Sixty-seven guests are reported to have been in the hotel building when the fire broke out, and 23 still were unaccounted for at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

Among the injured was: William O. Bailey, New York, badly burned about the face; Paul Bigg, New York, fractured hip; William P. Little, Portsmouth, Va., and J. H. Webb, Fincastle, Va.

Belief was expressed that most of the unaccounted for persons later would be found. David S. Pius, member of the Virginia house of delegates who lived at the hotel, was seriously injured in jumping from a window of the structure.

Will License Beggars One Day In Each Month

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 7.—Because of numerous complaints against beggars, Mayor Harvey has issued an order limiting mendicants to one day a month. They will be licensed for the day and will be arrested if they ask alms at any other time.

QUARTERS OF POLICE ENLARGED

Remodelling of Salem City Hall Is Completed; Two City Hotels Are Denied Licenses

With a view to securing more room for the Salem police department, the city council, at its regular meeting last night, voted to remodel the city hall and specified that the police shall exchange offices with the city treasurer. In the future police headquarters will be in the southeast corner of the building, while the city treasurer's office will be located where police officers at present hold forth. Cost of the remodeling is not to exceed \$290.

Its machinery operating smoothly, the city council transacted a large amount of business last night in a comparatively short time. The question of licenses for Salem hotels and rooming houses was submitted with recommendations from the health and police committee, and all but two hostels were again permitted to operate. The two to whom licenses were refused were as follows:

Discussion Is Held.
 Mrs. A. L. Van Allen, proprietor of the Eldridge hotel.
 Mrs. J. F. Clark, proprietor of a rooming house at 144 North Front.
 Mrs. C. N. German, proprietor of a room house near the corner of Bellevue and Commercial street, was granted a license for a three months' term.

The report from the health and police committee was not adopted before considerable discussion had taken place. Verbally, Alderman Ralph Thompson had explained that his committee had recommended three licenses be denied after it had consulted with Chief of Police Moffitt.

Consideration Asked.
 Declaring that no action which would close three rooming houses should be taken hastily, Alderman Hal Patton made a short talk in which he asked that his fellow councilmen give the matter thorough consideration before acting. He declared that the houses to be closed were of the type usually frequented by transients who cannot afford more expensive quarters, and added that, if the licenses were to be refused, the proprietors should at least be given a hearing before their doors were closed.

Chief of Police Moffitt, following Mr. Patton, explained that his office had been put to much trouble by the activities of the three rooming houses in question. He declared that certain of them have, at times, housed lodgers of questionable repute, and that their premises were in dire need of a thorough cleaning. Until the proprietors take action to see that their lodgings are more carefully conducted, they deserve no licenses, he insisted.

In the vote that followed, the recommendations of the committee on health and police were sustained. Another report of the committee, suggesting that a license to operate his billiard parlor be granted to William Ingles, was adopted by the council after a short discussion.

An investigation concerning the uses to which the police car, recently bought by the city, is being put, was last night promised by Alderman Thompson, chairman of the police committee, upon request of Alderman H. H. Vandevort.

"I thought we bought this police car with a view to saving the city money," Alderman Vandevort said. "Now I find that it has covered 1500 miles at an expense of no less than six cents a mile. We

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Hogquam, Wash., Feb. 7.—W. L. Adams, a banker here since 1891, died today following a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Adams was principal of the local schools in pioneer days. He was a large timber owner and recently returned from a long trip to Europe during which he attended the international meeting of Rotarians at Glasgow, Scotland.

Former Champion Bareback Rider Called by Death
 Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 7.—Johnny Wilson, 78, former champion bareback rider of the world, committed suicide here today by shooting himself in the head. He was dependent over leanness. His real name was John McDonough.

Billie Burke's Mother Is Dead
 Hastings, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Elizabeth Burke died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Florence Zeigfeld (Miss Billie Burke). She was born in New Orleans and had made her home here for the last fifteen years.

TWO PHONE COMPANIES MAY UNITE

Pacific and Northwestern Corporations Ask Permission To Consolidate Lines

Washington, Feb. 7.—The Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company applied to the interstate commerce commission today for permission to consolidate their lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The proposed agreement between the two companies provides for lease of the Northwestern plant to the Pacific corporation for 15 years at an annual rental of \$34,570. If, during the term of the lease, either company desires to complete the consolidation, the Pacific company agrees to pay \$250,000 to the Northwestern and to cancel an indebtedness of \$295,000 which it holds against the Northwestern company.

The Northwestern company has been unable to maintain its earnings in a competitive relationship with the Pacific company, the application asserts, adding that the consolidation would add to the efficiency of long distance service.

State To Make No Contracts For More Flax

With no operating capital upon which to finance contracts, with a large part of the 1921 crop still on hand and yet to be worked up and facing a debt of \$30,000 to the state the flax plant is not in a position to enter into any contract with flax growers this year, according to a statement issued by Warden Compton.

The warden in his statement expresses the hope that the flax association now being organized in this section, proves successful.

"Because of the absence of operating capital and our indebtedness to the state we find ourselves unable to enter into any contracts of any kind," the statement issued by Compton reads.

"We do not know just what conditions at the plant will be during the coming year. We have a large share of the 1921 crop yet to work up. This will take up well into December, as we now figure. We must work this up and dispose of it as good a figure as possible in an effort to meet our obligation to the state.

"If it is found later in the year that we will be able to accept flax from growers to work into products, we will do so only upon the basis of accepting the flax to be worked up into products at so much per ton, the products to be handled and marketed by the grower.

"It is hoped that the flax association now being formed is successful in its dealings and that it will be able to demonstrate, beyond a doubt, that flax growing may be made profitable in the Willamette valley when operated on a private basis, as other farming ventures are operated."

LaFollett To Seek Seat In Senate Again

Declaring for "economy first, last and all the time," State Senator A. M. LaFollett today filed with Secretary of State Kozler his declaration as a candidate for republican nomination for another term at the senatorial job from Marion county. In his platform LaFollett, who is the veteran member of the upper house of the state legislature, promises to "put forth my best efforts toward a material reduction of our tax burdens without impairing the efficiency of our state institutions" and declares that he will, if elected, "pursue in the future the same conservative and careful policy relating to the expenditures of the people's money as I have in the past."

LaFollett's entry into the senatorial race from Marion county makes the third candidate so far in the field for the two seats which are allotted to this county. Sam Brown, Gervais rancher, will seek the republican nomination, as also will George W. Hubbs of Silverton. Louis Lachmund is also expected to seek re-election to the senate.

Canal Lumber Traffic Shows Big Increase

Washington, Feb. 7.—An increase of 118 per cent in lumber traffic through the Panama canal from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast of North America and Europe in 1921 was cited in the Panama canal record, today as the most conspicuous feature of the canal's traffic history for the year. The stimulation was largely attributed to increased rail rates on lumber.

Of the total of 448,987 tons to which this traffic increased from 265,172 tons in 1920, the record showed \$387,993 tons came from the United States and 57,429 from western Canada, with small shipments from Central and South America and the Far East making up the balance.

The east coast of the United States received this total 346,249 tons, the British Isles 60,048 tons and the rest of Europe 11,690 tons. The foreign shipments were said to have declined sharply during the last six months of the year.

Farm Bureau Names Service Directors

Dallas, Or., Feb. 7.—At the meeting of the executive board of the Polk County Farm Bureau held in this city Saturday the following temporary leaders of projects were elected: C. C. Gardner to have charge of the rodent extermination and F. C. Ewing to have charge of the fruit work. Arrangements were also made for the employment of an office clerk.

Livestock Prices Show Marked Gain

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Advancing prices reached a new mile stone today, in the livestock market here—\$10 a hundredweight for hogs. This is a \$2.10 gain since last November.

Packing house stocks of pork products have recently been much depleted, and with the approach of the end of the winter season for packing operations the demand for hogs has been difficult to fill.

BONUS WOULD COST NATION OVER TWO AND HALF BILLION IS CLAIM

Preparations For Coronation Of Pope Rushed

Rome, Feb. 7.—(By Associated Press).—The Vatican today began to resume its usual brilliances, eclipsed by the death of Benedict XV, in preparation for the coronation of the new Pope Pius XI, on February 12. The pontifical household was being set in order.

All Italy, judging from the messages received at the Holy See, seems full of joy that Pius XI sits on the throne of St. Peter. All predict from his first apostolic benediction that the breach between the church and the state will be healed during the present pontificate.

The pontiff's position in this regard, as summed up in a speech which he delivered when installed last summer as archbishop of Milan, is being widely quoted. He then said:

"It is above all, abroad that one sees and feels how the pope constitutes the greatest dignity and prestige for Italy. Through him all the millions of Catholics in the whole world turn to Italy as a second fatherland. Through him, Rome is truly the capital of the world."

There are unlikely to be very radical changes in the pontifical household since Cardinal Gasparri retains his post as secretary of state and many of Benedict's appointees are considered certain to be reinstated. An army of workmen was busy in the Vatican today re-establishing the offices, ante-rooms and other chambers.

Woman's Body May Be That of Evelyn Thaw

Washington, Dec. 7.—Having found a marked resemblance between the features of a woman whose body was found yesterday in the Potomac river and photos of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, former actress who was recently reported to have disappeared from her New York home, Washington police asked police authorities of New York to cooperate in efforts to identify the body.

New York, Feb. 7.—Finding of a body in the Potomac, said to resemble that of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw today recalled the fact that last October she had attempted suicide by poison.

Recently she was evicted from a tea room she had been running in the upper tenderloin district. Then she dropped from sight.

Endorsement of Orphans' Farm Home Is Asked

Endorsement of the movement for the "Children's Farm Home," located near Corvallis, was asked of the Kiwanis club, by Mrs. Mary B. Powers at the luncheon of the organization in the Commercial club this noon.

Mrs. Powers stated that there are now 29,550 orphans in the state and that the movement for raising \$100,000 for the farm home has received the approval of the state welfare commission.

Eight thousand dollars has been estimated as Marion county's share of the fund, a campaign for which will be started here soon.

The farm has already been purchased and contains 245 acres. The price paid was \$200 per acre, Mrs. Powers said, there being \$30,000 worth of improvements.

Portland has agreed to give \$60,000 toward the home, \$16,000 coming from this year's budget for all charities.

After starting the home will be made self supporting. The general plan of the management is to build separate cottages, have so many children in each cottage under the supervision of a matron.

Roy Shields stated that the matter would have to be referred to the public affairs committee before the club could endorse the proposition.

A. A. Lee, head of the Mutual Building & Loan association, spoke briefly on the policy of the organization, saying that there were four or five times as many loans demanded than the association could take care of.

City of Dallas May Purchase Water System

Dallas, Or., Feb. 7.—At the city council meeting last night it was decided to put up to the people whether or not Dallas shall acquire the waterworks plant at the end of the lease, September 24, next. On that date the twenty-year lease held by M. V. Gates will expire, at the end of which time the lease is automatically renewed for another five years unless the city exercises its prerogative of taking over the plant. The meeting with the citizens will be held with the city council the evening of the first Monday in March.

In laying the matter before the council Mayor U. S. Grant read a letter from H. V. Gates the lessee, which assumed to narrate the present physical condition of the plant. Mayor Grant also said that he had interviewed many of the heaviest taxpayers in Dallas, and with one exception they favored renewing the franchise at this time.

The council, which contemplates laying many cement sidewalks this year, decided to change the specifications so that the walks will be of the same fineness throughout, instead of having a special top.

4 Are Granted Citizens' Papers

Four were granted citizenship papers by Judge George G. Bingham this morning when twenty-four petitions were presented to the court and as many foreigners were present for examination. Six of the petitioners were told that they would have to continue their studies of the United States history had government before their papers would be granted. One more was refused papers because his wife is still in Austria.

Those that were granted rights of citizens were: Henry Fred Parley, Germany; Arnold Augustina Schreubachler, Switzerland; Frederick William Moore, England; Emil Ronner, Switzerland.

The continued hearings were Frederick William Bartles, Germany; William Weirich, Germany; Henry Parly, Germany; William Wengeworth, Austria; Emerick Shatz, Austria.

Confectioner Has Trial Here Today

The trial of F. L. Walker, Salem confectioner, on a charge of selling milk containing less than 3.2 per cent butterfat, and cream containing less than 18 per cent butterfat, began in the Salem justice court at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Walker was one of several local restaurateurs recently arrested on complaint of A. S. Leach, deputy state dairy and food commissioner. He is accused of selling milk testing only 2.2 per cent butterfat, and cream testing only nine per cent butterfat.

McGilchrist Pays \$72 On Charge of Using Weak Cream

James McGillchrist, proprietor of a local cafeteria, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$72 and costs—a total of \$72.65—when he was found guilty, by a jury in the justice court yesterday afternoon, of selling cream containing less than 18 per cent butterfat.

McGilchrist was twice arrested on complaints filed by A. S. Leach, deputy state dairy and food commissioner. Each time he pleaded not guilty. The first jury acquitted him.

SUSPECT NOT MAN WANTED

Clue to Whereabouts of Taylor's Missing Butler Fails; Arrest of Another Promised

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 7.—Sheriff Harris of Elko, Nev., telephoned to the police department here today that the man at Carlin, Nev., thought to be Edward Sands, wanted in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director here, was not Sands, and has given a satisfactory account of his movements which dissolved all suspicion.

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ARMY CUT DEMANDED BY BORAH

Washington, Feb. 7.—Immediate translation of the work of the arms conference into a reduction in government expenditures was called for by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, in a formal statement today in which he declared a further cut in the army should be made and the troops returned from the Rhine at once.

Gun Replacement Halted.
 Washington, Feb. 7.—Orders for the sending of new guns to replace those in the Philippines fortifications were cancelled today by Secretary Weeks. The action was taken, he said, as an evidence of the good faith of this country to carry out in spirit and letter the provisions of the treaty which grew out of the armament conference respecting armament of Pacific islands.

Navy Building to Stop.

Washington, Feb. 7.—(By Associated Press).—President Harding will order suspended all work on vessels now building which are destined for the scrap heap under the naval treaty, but will issue no final order of discontinuance of the work until the treaty is actually ratified, it was said today at the White House.

The president, it was stated, already has ordered suspension of work on additional fortifications on the island of Guam and likewise further developments under way in the Philippines island, taking his action in view of the clause of the naval treaty fixing the status quo for those Pacific islands of the United States.

Obenchain Jury Selections Lag

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 7.—The second day of examination of veniremen for a jury proceeded here today in the case of Mrs. Madalynne Conner Obenchain of Chicago, charged with the murder here last August of J. Belton Kennedy.

When court was adjourned yesterday afternoon, the jury box contained eight women and four men, passed for cause, while six members of the venire had been excused because of opposition to the death penalty and one because of a fixed opinion.

Noon recess found six women and six men in the jury box, temporarily passed for cause, subject to peremptory challenge. Prosecuting attorneys indicated desire for women jurors by exhaustively questioning the men as to scruples in favor of a woman defendant.

Alleged Burglar Waives Hearing; Jurors Get Case

Henry Brown, of Aberdeen, Wash., charged with burglary of a store at Brooks, Or., waived a hearing when he was arraigned before Judge G. E. Unruh in the justice court this morning, and was bound over to the grand jury.

Brown was arrested Sunday by Sheriff O. D. Bower and is accused of entering a store owned by Howard Ramp.

Brown is about 45 years of age. He is being held in the Marion county jail.

Gaun Governors Changed

Guam, Marianne Islands, Feb. 7.—Captain Adelbert Althouse relieved Captain Ivan C. Wettenli as governor of Guam with the usual ceremonies.