

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Tonight and Thursday rain west, rain or snow east portion, warmer east portion tonight. Southeasterly winds.
LOCAL: Trace rainfall; northerly winds; cloudy; max. 45, min. 28; river 3.9 feet and falling.

Capital Journal



CIRCULATION
Average for December 5613.
Population of Salem, 1900, 4258; 1910, 14,934; 1920, 37,679.
Marion County 1920, 47,177; Polk County, 1920, 14,181.
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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

PRICE FIXING CHARGED TO LUMBERMEN

CHARGES ARE ALL DENIED

Representatives of Lumber Association Say Accusations Are False

Portland, Or., Feb. 15.—Executives of the Western Pine Manufacturers association in Portland characterized the report of the federal trade commission to congress today as "one of the periodic outbursts" from the commission.

Says Charges Absurd.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15.—Charges by the federal trade commission that there had been "active cooperation between the Western Pine Manufacturers association and the West Coast Lumbermen's association with the purpose and effect of harmonious action on prices and production," were denied today in a statement made public by Robert Bullen, manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Cannot Agree.

"We even differ on regard to the federal trade commission itself. My understanding is that the Western Pine Manufacturers association subscribes to the growing sentiment that the commission should be abolished. The West Coast Lumbermen's association is opposed to abolishing the commission, believing that it can be made a constructive agency that would give valuable assistance to business, whose good citizenship dictates that it shall be conducted within the law and so best serve the public."

Nine Held For Collapse of Theater Roof

Washington, Feb. 15.—The nine men ordered held for the grand jury in a verdict returned by the coroner's jury in connection with the Knickerbocker theater disaster January 28, which resulted in the loss of 95 lives, were given an opportunity to appear at the district attorney's office today to give bonds.

They were not taken into custody when the verdict was returned last night and District Attorney Peyton Gordon said they would be permitted to remain at liberty under \$5000 bond each. He said the case probably would be presented to the grand jury, which is in session, by the last of this week.

Based on the testimony of scores of witnesses at the inquest, which began nearly a week ago, the verdict of the coroner's jury found that the collapse of the roof of the motion picture theater was "due to faulty designing and construction and inadequate supervision and inspection."

Among those ordered held for the grand jury were R. G. Geare, architect for the building; J. H. Ford, engineer who designed the roof structure; Morris Hacker, building inspector, when the theater was constructed, and Frank L. Wagner, the builder.

F. L. Steison and S. E. Pease of Eugene were in town last night on business, registering as guests at the Marion hotel.

Post-Shaving Powder Under Students' Ban

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The "anti-effeminacy" movement from Columbia university has been adopted at Northwestern university, it became known today. Kenneth King, Denver, Colo., has been elected president of a club whose constitution says: "Whereas women are smoking cigarettes, wearing gaudy, both buck and unbuckled, and presuming into rooms tofore restricted."

BRYAN NOT TO REFUSE ELECTION

Commoner Not Seeking Office, He Says, But Would Consider Call to Senate

Miami, Fla., Feb. 15.—William Jennings Bryan, responding to many inquiries as to whether he would be a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator from Florida today issued a statement in which he said:

"I have been actively engaged in politics for more than thirty years. With the exception of less than seven years, my work has been done as a private citizen, and I prefer to continue to serve the public without the care of office. "If the democrats of Florida felt that as a senator I could render a service to the state and to the party in the nation sufficient to justify them in calling upon me to represent them at Washington, I would consider the matter from the standpoint of duty and in connection with other claims upon me, but I have no thought of entering into a contest for the office."

"I am looking forward to congenial association here with Florida democrats who have been my co-laborers for a quarter of a century. I am sure that our relations will be pleasant so long as my plans do not conflict with the ambitions of others or with their personal preferences."

Canners Demand Lower Rates On Freight From East

Washington, Feb. 15.—The Canners League of California filed with the interstate commerce commission today in connection with the hearing on rate levels, a statement urging reductions on rates on raw materials used in their industries. Pacific coast railroads were declared by the league to be more prosperous than carriers in other sections and "able to bear the reduction."

Influenza Takes Inmate of Pen

Miles Monahan, 44, an inmate of the state prison here died Tuesday from influenza after an illness of only four days. Prison officials said today that there were approximately 50 cases of influenza among the convicts, most of the cases being of the lighter type. Monahan was received at the prison on July 19, 1917, from Benton county to serve a term of from 15 years to life for a statutory offense. His mother lives at Astoria, and he has a daughter in Portland and a brother at Corvallis.

Attorneys Admitted. Albert R. Heilig and Reed W. Heilig of Portland, father and son, were admitted by the supreme court, Tuesday, to practice law in Oregon on license from Washington.

TAYLOR AND ELWELL MURDERS PRESENT THE SAME PROBLEMS; BOTH LIVED AND DIED IN SECRET

Same Elements of Mystery Enter Into Cases of Men Who Lost Lives Violently

By Margery Rex.

New York, Feb. 15.—It is easy for the enemy of a man who lives secretly to murder his unseen. In mysterious manner two men who ate the secret bread of pleasure and drank sweet stolen waters have died by the fury of assassins still unknown.

The career of William Desmond Taylor, slain movie director, is like and death paralleled that of "Jim" Elwell, so strangely shot down in his New York home two years ago.

Each lived alone, and alone each was attacked. From both Taylor and Elwell, in their last moments, someone fled.

Men who shun daylight are apt to make themselves tempting targets for marksmen in the dark. Taylor's leave-taking of life was just as mysterious as his inexplicable departure in 1908 from his wife and child and just as unaccountable as his later change of name, for the dead man was known originally as William Cunningham Deane-Tanner.

Who Was Slaver? Who could have arranged Taylor's clandestine rendezvous with death?

Suspicion goes over the list of possibilities. There is, for instance, Edward F. Sands, the dead man's valet, who robbed his master and whom, one of the feminine stars says, Taylor vowed to (Continued on page eight)

No Response To Appeal For Rooms

The hospitality of Salem is at stake! Not half enough rooms have been provided for the Christian Endeavor delegates who will arrive here tomorrow to attend the state convention which opens here in the evening at the armory.

Church people have been urged to provide "bed and breakfast" for the visitors, but there has been little response thus far, according to the chairman of the entertainment committee, Miss Lucile Ross, this morning.

If further response is not forthcoming the committee is planning a house to house canvass Thursday morning.

There is already advanced registration of delegates in excess of rooms provided. From 800 to 1000 delegates are expected to arrive by motor and special trains tomorrow afternoon and evening. Only rooms enough to take care of half this number have been provided.

Anyone having rooms should phone Miss Ross at 1187W. Word has been received by the convention committee that Dr. A. McAfee of Berkeley, Cal., will not attend the convention. Rev. Earl P. Cochran of Alameda, Cal., will take his place on the program.

Boy scouts are doing their share to entertain the visitors. Some 50 boys have been provided by F. Howard Zinser and will act as guides and pages.

Kusers Assume Duties Today

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kuser today assumed their duties as superintendent and matron, respectively, of the Oregon state training school for boys. They will succeed Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gilbert.

Mr. Kuser was for 15 years superintendent of the Iowa boys' training school at Eldora, Iowa, and prior to that time was engaged in similar work with boys. Mrs. Kuser served for several years as superintendent of the state industrial school for girls at Lancaster, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert have announced their plans for the future.



MELLON IS ATTACKED BY WATSON

Georgia Senator Say Secretary of Treasury Holding Position Illegally

Washington, Feb. 15.—Secretary Mellon is holding the office of secretary of the treasury in violation of the law and can be arrested for retaining the place if anyone sees fit to swear out a warrant charging him with the offense, Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, declared in the senate late today.

The law which Mr. Mellon is violating, Senator Watson said, prohibits the secretary of the treasury from engaging in any kind of business or commerce.

Veterans to Recall Blowing Up Maine In Armory Tonight

In commemoration of the blowing up of the Maine, February 15, 1898, Veterans of Foreign Wars will be the hosts of the Camp Hibbard post of Spanish American war veterans tonight in the veterans' room of the armory.

Colonel George A. White will address the meeting and will be followed by addresses from Major Henry O. Miller, commander of the local post of foreign war veterans, and by Harry Ross, commander of the post of Spanish war veterans.

At 9:40 tonight members of both posts will come to parade rest for one minute and repeat the battle cry of the Spanish war, "Remember the Maine." All veterans who have fought in Cuba, Guam, the Philippines and the Chinese Boxer revolution are eligible to membership in the foreign war veterans.

Shoots Wife and Mother-in-Law; Then Kills Self

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 15.—George A. Boden, attorney, shot and killed his wife, Mary Boden, 37 years of age, and her mother, Mrs. Julia Taylor, 66, and then ended his life today in his wife's home here. Failure to effect a reconciliation with his wife, who had sued for divorce was indicated as the cause of the triple tragedy, police say.

Car Plunges Into Creek; Occupants Freeze to Death

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 15.—The bodies of two men and a woman were found in a closed automobile half submerged in Brush creek in the south part of this city today. The car apparently had fallen with its occupants from a trestle and broken through the ice of the creek. The bodies were frozen in the ice which had formed inside the car.

Minto Will Quit Police Job, Report

Frank Minto, night inspector of the Salem police department, has tendered to Chief of Police Moffitt his resignation, effective immediately, and Mr. Minto will work his final shift tonight, it was stated this afternoon.

Inspector Minto, who is well known in Salem, has served with the department since the first of the year and during the few months he worked had established an enviable record as an officer. Regret that Mr. Minto is to leave was expressed this morning by Ralph Thompson, chairman of the police committee of the city council. "Mr. Minto is a fine officer," he said.

Mr. Minto's resignation is the second to have been tendered to Chief Moffitt within the last few days. Recently Clyde Ellis, desk sergeant, quit his position after 13 months' service.

Bulletins

New York, Feb. 15.—Two grand juries today returned indictments against 12 unnamed persons in connection with the investigation of "bucketing orders" by brokerage firms in the Wall street district.

Dublin, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Eleven of the kidnaped Ulster unionists were released tonight, seven were released last night and eight this morning, it was announced here this evening.

Mexico City, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Serious disorders in Guatemala City in which adherents of the present government were fired on by members of the unionist party, are reported here in a dispatch today from

BONUS NO NEARER TO SOLUTION

Republican Leaders Search for Financing Method Acceptable to Harding

Washington, Feb. 15.—With President Harding known to oppose both additional taxes and a bond issue, republican leaders of the house began casting about today for other means of financing the soldiers' bonus.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming, during a visit to the White House, said pending appropriation bills, particularly those for the navy and army, would be scrutinized carefully, with a view to slashes that would provide a good measure of the money needed. It was thought that any deficiency could be made up through an issue of short time treasury certificate.

Mr. Mondell did not see President Harding, who was understood to be preparing a letter to Chairman McCumber of the senate finance committee, setting forth his views against the suggested eight point program and an issue of five-year treasury notes.

Pending receipt of that letter, the joint conferences between majority members of the finance committee and the house ways and means committee on the bonus problem were suspended. It was understood that all of the senators did not share the administration's views as to the probable effect of an issue of short term notes on the refunding operations of the government.

Woodburn, Salem, Fives to Clash In Gym Here Tonight

For the second time this season Salem high school and Woodburn high school basketball fives will meet tonight. The game will be called promptly at 7:30 o'clock in the local school's gymnasium. In the first game, played at Woodburn, the locals were victorious by a score of 20 to 12. Minnville tossers twice defeated Woodburn and Salem fans are of the opinion that tonight's game will end in a win for Salem.

Rev. Martin Fereshtian, pastor of the Unitarian church, will be the speaker at the Thursday luncheon of the Marion county realtors' association in the Y. W. C. A.

McArthur Opens Fight To Secure Historic Oregon

Washington, Feb. 15.—A fight to have the old battleship Oregon which may be preserved under the naval treaty, sent to Portland, to be kept there permanent was started today by Representative McArthur, republican, Oregon, a member of the house naval committee.

The transfer of the old ship was taken up by McArthur with the navy department and it is understood she will be ordered to Portland if the people of Oregon guarantee to pay the annual cost of maintenance.

TAXPAYERS OF COUNTY ORGANIZED

Lively Meet Is Held Here and Officers Chosen; Solons Are Popular Target

Alleged wanton, unrestrained expenditure of taxpayers' money by the legislature of the state of Oregon was the most popular target of verbal shafts hurled by speakers who last night addressed a meeting of the Marion County Taxpayers' Reduction league in the court house here. The league, though still an infant in this county, last night took its first step by setting up exercises with a view to becoming a potent figure in the state war for tax reduction and its constituents declared they are out for results.

Seventy five persons were present at the gathering which was held in the court room of Circuit Judge Bingham and 50 memberships were last night issued. D. W. Fisher was elected president of the organization and S. M. Endicott was chosen as secretary.

Extravagance is Cited

Parsimony has no place at the meetings of Oregon's legislators, according to Mr. Endicott, who was one of the chief speakers last night. At the last regular session, he declared, the solons had, on an average, between two and three stenographers and clerks at their respective desks and calls and, in consequence, were fairly well prepared to attack the business at hand. According to Mr. Endicott's figures, the senate was provided with 90 stenographers and clerks, and the house of representatives with 135 of these assistants.

In response to a call from North Howell taxpayers, the local organization will send speakers to a meeting to be held at North Howell next Friday night, at which time the taxpayers of that vicinity are expected to perfect an organization similar to the one established here. Peter D'Arcy and Mr. Endicott probably will be sent, it was stated.

State Meet Due Soon

Other taxpayers' bodies are being formed in various counties of the state and these, it was stated, will send delegates to a state convention to be held in Portland on March 20.

Hal Patton, Salem councilman and former state senator, Dr. B. L. Steeves, and Seymour Jones were among other speakers who addressed last night's meeting. The opinion that the Oregon legislature has on many occasions unnecessarily squandered money appeared to prevail.

Members of the league today expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the results of the meeting and opined that the organization will be a strong influence in the future. Another meeting of the local league is to be held in the near future. It was stated, but no date has as yet been set. It will be called by President Fisher.

MILLS OF OREGON IN COMBINE

Federal Trade Commission Says Western Pine and West Coast Associations Join

Washington, Feb. 15.—Lumber manufacturers of Idaho, western Montana and eastern Oregon "have organized and conducted the Western Pine Manufacturers association for the primary purpose of agreeing on the prices of their lumber," the federal trade commission declared today in submitting to congress the fourth of a series of reports dealing with the lumber industry.

"The activities of the association in advancing prices by concerted action were contemporaneous with a steadily rising price level between 1915 and 1920," the report asserted, adding that in periods of depression, members of the association acted in concert to regulate production so as to maintain prices.

The association has a separate organization in Montana which fixes prices within that state, the commission also charged and "there has been active competition between the Western Pine Manufacturers association and the West Coast Lumbermen's association with the purpose and effect of harmonious action on prices and production."

Evidence Presented. The conclusions submitted in the report were declared to be based on documentary evidence "secured from the files of the company and its more prominent members."

"It should be understood," the commission said, "that this rather detailed presentation is far from exhausting the documentary evidence in the commission's possession."

Other "ultimate conclusions of fact" contained in the summary of the report published by the commission include:

"Notwithstanding price reduction (Continued on Page Seven.)

Belfast Quiet After Riots; 25 Are Dead

Belfast, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press)—After a period of quiet lasting several hours, disorders again broke out in this city at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when shooting began in the Stanhope street area, near the Victoria barracks. The military promptly opened fire.

Belfast, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press)—At noon today Belfast was reported absolutely quiet, the presence of troops on the streets having had the desired effect of checking gunmen's operations, which since the beginning of the present series of disorders have resulted in twenty five deaths.

Conditions on the border, where forces of north and south Ireland are facing each other as the result of the tension created by the recent kidnaping of Ulster Unionists, also were reported quiet.

Shooting was resumed in the early hours of the morning in West Belfast after a temporary lull at midnight. Frank McCoy was found dead on a sidewalk with bullet wounds in the back. The reported death of James Rice whose body was found last night, says that an armed gang bound his hands behind his back, pulled his coat over his head, tied a scarf over his eyes, kicked and beat him and then ended his sufferings with bullets.

The deaths in the hospital of a girl and a youth who were shot Monday, brought the total deaths in the present series of outbreak to twenty five. John O'Neill, a postman, was shot from a side street this morning. His arm was broken.