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OREGON: Tonight fair except showers northwest portion;
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PALMITO DEL VERDE FRAUD IS CONFIRMED

ISLAND INVESTOR IN SIGNED LETTER BARES BIG SWINDLE

Capital Journal's Revelations Concerning Mexican "Paradise" Substantiated and Enlarged Upon by A. J. Anderson; Selling Stories of Promoters Termed Bundle of Myths.

A. J. Anderson, the well known Salem builder and contractor who recently returned from a winter spent at Palmito del Verde, the "island paradise" off the coast of Sinaloa, Mexico, where over \$50,000 of Salem money has been invested, in the following open letter fully confirms the exposures made by the Capital Journal regarding the fraudulent character of the transactions. The island proves to be a brush covered sand-bar, with a thin layer of soil over sand or hard-pan, with little good water available. Markets are not needed because commercial crops are impossible. The story of the island is a tragedy of colonization failures, blasted hopes and lost savings.

To the Editor:—Noticing an advertisement in the Oregonian for twenty families to colonize Palmito del Verde, an island off the coast of Sinaloa, Mexico, inserted presumably by W. H. O'Brien, the promoter who induced many Salem people to invest in this island, including myself, I deem it my duty to warn the public against this investment, as the island is no place for a white man, no commercial crops are produced, the climate is intolerable in summer, and the purchasers might as well charge off their investments to profit and loss. Having recently returned from spending the winter there, having experienced its climatic effects, having tried farming and watched others, I know whereof I speak. My experience has cost me some two thousand dollars besides a severe attack of tropical fever from which I am convalescing, but if it will prevent loss to others, it will not have been spent in vain.

Nothing But Sand-bar.
Palmito del Verde is nothing but a sand-bar, covered with brush, underlaid in many places by hard-pan. Decaying vegetation has produced a thin loam. When the brush is slashed and burned, the ashes fertilize the soil so that one crop can be grown. The strength of the soil is then dissipated, and there is nothing but sand left. The wells of the island...

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COURT DISMISSES GIRL'S COMPLAINT

Jackson, Miss., May 2.—The \$100,000 damage suit brought by Miss Francis C. Birkhead, a stenographer against Governor Lee Russell of Mississippi, her former employer, alleging seduction, was dismissed in federal court today by Judge Edwin Holmes, on the ground of the lack of jurisdiction. Attorneys for Miss Birkhead announced that they would refile the suit immediately in the Oxford division of the federal court. Governor Russell contended that his home was in Oxford, Miss., and he could not be tried in Jackson.

HARDING ASKS \$500,000 TO PROSECUTE GRAFTERS

Washington, May 2.—A request for a special appropriation of \$500,000 to be used in prosecution of war fraud cases was sent to the house today by President Harding. The budget communication explained the fund would be used for investigating or prosecuting all cases, whether civil or commercial, growing out of the war.

REPORT SAYS FAMILY OF FIVE CAN LIVE ON \$1.47

Tacoma, Wash., May 2.—The average cost of maintaining a family of five persons in Washington, Oregon and Idaho is \$1.47 per day, according to figures collected by the Royal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and made public here today.

The lowest cost, \$1.40 a day, is reported for Tacoma, and the highest, \$1.54 a day for Brighton, Ore. In April, 1921, the Tacoma cost was reported at \$1.82 a day, the highest at that time in the three states. Food costs were given for 27 lumber centers and include Astoria, \$1.64; Seattle, \$1.47; Spokane, \$1.45; Aberdeen, Houghton and Olympia, \$1.50; Portland, \$1.47; Postleish, Idaho, \$1.50; Emmett, Idaho, \$1.43; Kellogg, \$1.45; Everett, \$1.45; Bend, Or., \$1.52; Marshfield, Or., \$1.53; and La Grande, Or., \$1.43.

W.K.H. Hays, of the "movie" says there are too many "house" that act in business. He observed that the ten in the catalogue have hampered the "movie" people much.

FAIR DIVORCEE HELD SLAYER OF RELATIVE

Pretty 19-Year-Old Miss Arrested By Police As Killer of Small Nephew; Suicide Attempt Fails.

Chicago, May 2.—Miss Violet Black Duncan, a pretty 19 year old divorcee, was arrested today charged with the murder of her nephew, Hollis Boyd, 2 1/2 years old.

The child was found dead in Miss Duncan's apartment last Saturday night. Miss Duncan lay on the floor beside the boy, with three range jets turned on in full force. Miss Duncan was revived by a physician.

DECLARES MORSE PAID DAUGHERTY SUM OF \$25,000

Washington, May 2.—Reports that Harry M. Daugherty, now attorney general, had received a fee of \$25,000 from Charles W. Morse, New York shipbuilder, for obtaining Morse's release in 1912 from the Atlanta federal prison, were repeated in the senate today by Senator Caaway, democrat, Arkansas, and denied by friends of the present attorney general.

POINCARÉ MAY SIT IN PARLEYS

Genoa, May 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Premier Poincaré of France may come to Genoa for the closing session of the economic conference.

MOB VIOLENCE FEARED; BANK CASHIER MOVED

Ukiah, Cal., May 2.—Fear of mob violence prompted removal last night of J. E. Weller, cashier of the First Savings bank of Fort Bragg, from his home in Fort Bragg to the county jail here after the bank was forced to close on account of the alleged misappropriation by Weller of a sum in excess of \$170,000 of its funds. It was announced today by Sheriff Ralph Byrnes.

TODAY'S BASEBALL SCORES

American.	R.	H.	E.
Boston	6	10	3
New York	12	13	1
Fullerton, Karr, Collins and Ruel, Walters; Jones and Schanz, Devormer.			
R. H. E.			
Cleveland	10	12	1
Chicago	6	11	0
Coveleskie and O'Neill; Russell, Wilkinson, McWeeny and Schalk.			
R. H. E.			
St. Louis	1	5	0
Detroit	3	10	1
Shocker and Severeid; Ehmske and Hansler.			
National.	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	2	5	3
Cincinnati	9	11	0
Carlson, Yellowhorse, Morrison and Gooch; Couch and Hargrave.			
R. H. E.			
New York	6	10	0
Boston	3	10	1
Ryan and Snyder; Smith; Marschard, Watson, Pillingin and O'Neill.			

Bigamist Sentenced To Memorize Divorce Code of California

Los Angeles, Cal., May 2.—Memorizing 276 sections of the California penal code is one of the conditions of the probation granted Walroth Oliver, who pleaded guilty to bigamy, but declared he had committed that felony through ignorance of the law.

3 WASHINGTON CITIES HOLDING ELECTIONS TODAY

Spokane, Wash., May 2.—After nearly a year of controversy, Spokane's transportation problems are being settled at the polls today. The voters are asked to decide whether a new franchise will be granted to the street car systems, which if the proposal carries are to be united.

Rotarian Committees Are Named for Year

Members of the committees for the coming year to carry on the program of work of the Salem Rotary club were announced today through the weekly issue of the club's bulletin by R. O. Snelling, secretary.

Japanese Cabinet Resigns

London, May 2.—The Japanese cabinet headed by Premier Takahashi has resigned for the purpose of permitting a partial reorganization of the ministry, says an Exchange telegraph dispatch from Tokyo today.

Salemites Urged To Fight Earwig; Pest Spreading On Coast

A warning to the people of Salem to beware of the earwig—a pest which contaminates food and clothing, depreciates property value, destroys foliage and plant life and multiplies in houses in an alarming manner—was sounded this morning by C. A. Park, prominent Salem entomologist.

Earwig which, in size and movement is somewhat like a cool sea breeze, is a pest which is spreading from the coast to the inland. It is fighting furiously to exterminate it, and now the pest has moved into Portland.

Do Work at Night.
In the fall the female earwig lays from 50 to 90 white eggs in the soil. Early in spring the young hatch and come to the surface. At first they are white and the same shape as the adult, only smaller. Later they change to an olive green and finally to a reddish brown color. The adult is three-quarters of an inch long and has a pair of small forceps on its tail end. Earwigs work at night and hide in dark places during the day.

MRS. STILLMAN AND GUIDE TRIED TO JOIN INDIANS

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 2.—Testimony that Mrs. Anne U. Stillman and Fred Beauvais made application for admittance to an Indian tribe on the Ganawaga reservation near Montreal and were refused, was understood to have been given here today at hearings in the divorce suit instituted by James A. Stillman, New York banker.

ARGUMENT OVER CATTLE IS FATAL

Twin Falls, Idaho, May 2.—A formal charge of first degree murder has been placed against Harry J. Dunlap, Metchuagah district farmer, in connection with the fatal shooting of his brother-in-law, Chester A. Russell, on the Dunlap farm last Sunday. Dunlap was arraigned last yesterday and he will be given preliminary hearing next Saturday. In the meantime he is free on bond of \$10,000 furnished by six Murtaugh citizens.

BEN OLCOTT TO BE GUEST OF CHAUNGEY

Governor Ben Olcott will be the guest of Chaungey Olcott, eminent Irishman, who will appear in Salem in "Ragged Robin," at the Grand theater on Wednesday, May 10. It was announced this afternoon by Arthur Laflair, manager of the local theater. A telegram requesting that the governor be his guest was received from Chaungey Olcott recently.

LIVE GAME ANIMALS ARE FEATURE OF SPORT FAIR

Spokane, Wash., May 2.—Spokane's third annual sportsmen and tourists fair is to be opened here this afternoon. The exhibits include live cougar, bear, deer, elk, birds and fish. Demonstrations in how to equip and manage a pack train, and motion pictures showing hunting and fighting scenes are special features of the show.

THIEVES FAIL TO GET LOCAL STATION'S GAS

Thieves last night failed in an apparent attempt to steal a quantity of gasoline from a filling station at 1600 south Commercial street. Police were notified of the attempted theft by S. A. Brown this morning.

THREE HOMERS IN ONE INNING FEATURE GAME

Philadelphia, May 2.—In the fourth inning of today's Philadelphia-Washington game, the Athletics made three home runs in a row, the circuit swatters being Tillie Walkers, Perkins and Miller. It was Walkers' second home run of the game. Mcgridge was pitching and was relieved by Franks.

ASK HARDING TO AID BONUS LEGISLATION

President's Approval of McCumber Plan With Slight Modifications To Be Sought by Senate.

Washington, May 2.—President Harding is to be asked by the senate finance committee republicans to approve a soldiers' bill differing from the house measure only in minor essentials.

60 Per Cent Loans Plan.

The measure to be taken to the president is the McCumber plan, which would provide for immediate loans to the veterans equal to 40 per cent of their adjusted service pay at the rate of \$1 a day for domestic service and \$1.25 a day for overseas service. At the end of three years the loan value of the certificates would be 80 per cent of the adjusted service pay plus 4 1/2 per cent interest annual.

Cost Is Estimated.

Joseph S. McCoy, the government actuary, presented estimates to the committee showing the cost of the McCumber plan for the fiscal year as \$77,000,000; \$92,000,000 in the second year; \$73,000,000 in the third year and \$376,000,000 in the fourth year, with the ultimate cost approximately four billions of dollars. These costs include payments on account of death, cash to veterans entitled to not more than \$50; vocational training and farm and home aid. The land settlement program has been eliminated from the bill.

SCRAPPING PAIR ARE MINUS \$75

Will H. Bloch and Pearl Cooper, of Independence, who, according to the police, wanted to fight last Sunday, are out exactly \$75. Bloch, charged with being drunk and disorderly, forfeited \$40 yesterday when he failed to appear before Police Judge Earl Baker, and Cooper, who pleaded guilty to a disorderly conduct charge, was fined \$25.

PEACEMAKER IN FAMILY QUARREL SHOT TO DEATH

Klamath Falls, Ore., May 2.—George J. Nichols, was dead today as penalty for acting as peacemaker in a quarrel between a man and wife, and officers were seeking William Lewis, colored, charged with the killing. Nichols who owns considerable property in the lower part of the city tenanted by negroes, was shot in the neck late last night, dying instantly, after Lewis had fired three shots at his wife. All the shots fired at the wife went wild and Nichols then turned the gun on Nichols who was attempting to intercede in the domestic quarrel, according to the police. Lewis fled after the shooting.

HOPE TO KEEP HANDS OFF CHINESE WAR TANGLE

Tokyo, May 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Japan, according to the foreign office, is adhering to her policy of non-interference in China and will take no action in connection with present disturbed conditions in that country without consultation with the powers, especially Great Britain and the United States. If action seems necessary and will observe the agreement not to supply either faction with arms and ammunition.

Yokohama, Japanese minister to China, who has broken off his visit to Tokyo to return to his post, carries instructions to this effect, it was stated.