

INVESTIGATORS OF WEST PROBE ARE SUED

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THE WEATHER OREGON: Unsettled, probably rain tonight and Saturday. Mild temperature, strong southerly winds.

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR No. 280 SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1924 PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

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MONEY PAID PROBERS SQUANDERED

Investigators For Stock Holders In Kings Food and Other Concerns Are Charged With Fraud.

Portland, Or., Nov. 21.—Suits were filed in United States district court here today by eleven residents of the state of Washington asking that a receiver be named to take over moneys collected from them and other stockholders of certain corporations.

The complaint declares that each of the plaintiffs paid sums in cash and gave notes to the defendants who were to endeavor to recover moneys invested in the corporations named.

2695 ACCIDENTS IN OCTOBER IS REPORT

A total of 2695 traffic accidents were reported for the month of October by state traffic officers to county officers and the city of Portland. Eight persons were killed and 313 injured.

Bankhouse Robbed

Engene, Or., Nov. 21.—Loss of \$400 in cash, four or five vouchers and one check for \$45 was reported to the office of Sheriff Frank E. Taylor here today by the Booth-Kelly Lumber company camp 34, at Warbling.

Mamma Dolls Give Negro Truck Driver Thrill For Mon

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 21.—Moses Washington, a truck driver, last night heily deserted his load of wooden boxes and telephoned police when he heard muffled voices coming from one of the boxes.

CREMATION CASE PUZZLE

Authorities Continue To Seek Motive For Slaying Or Suicide of Mrs. Addie Sheatsley.

Canton, Ohio, Nov. 21.—Hoping further questioning of relatives of Mrs. Addie Sheatsley, wife of C. V. Sheatsley, pastor of Christ church, Bexley, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio, who found the charred body of his wife in the furnace at the Sheatsley home Monday night, bringing some clue which would solve the mysterious cremation, Prosecutor John R. King of Franklin county, (Columbus) today continued examination of Mr. Sheatsley and his four children.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sheatsley were held at Paris, near here, yesterday. Prosecutor King is also waiting a report of Columbus analytical chemists, who made an analysis of the lungs and esophagus of Mrs. Sheatsley, which Mr. King said would be forwarded to him here today.

TO INVESTIGATE DEATH OF WOMAN

Warroad, Minn., Nov. 21.—Investigation into the death of Mrs. Elsie Wheeler, who was found dead in a cabin in the isolated corner of the northwest angle of Minnesota will be reopened, it was declared by county authorities here late yesterday when an undertaker embalming the body found evidence that indicated possible foul play caused the woman's death.

The woman's death was discovered by her husband and Carl Hagen, with whom the couple were staying in the Hagen cabin on November 13. Hagen and a friend set out for this place after they notified the authorities. The official accompanied by the two men left Monday for the state. A coroner's jury held the woman's cause to her death by stabbing a butcher knife in the kitchen of the cabin.

PRIZES FOR BEST CORN GIVEN OUT

Crowds See Fine Exhibits At Annual Show; Kay To Be Speaker Tonight Is Announcement.

J. S. Coomler of North Howell has been awarded first prize for the best 50 ears of yellow dent corn at the corn and industrial show now in progress at the armory with E. G. Wiesner of North Howell gaining second place and A. E. Hughes of Woodburn, third.

Other corn awards today included the following: Ten ears yellow dent—First, E. G. Wiesner, North Howell; second, Phil May, Mt. Angel; third, Elmer Fromel, Mt. Angel.

Fifty ears white dent—First, A. E. Hughes, Woodburn; second, Harry Hughes, Woodburn; third, Harry Hughes, Woodburn.

Ten ears white dent—First, Harry Hughes, Woodburn; second, Harry Hughes, Woodburn; third, A. E. Hughes, Woodburn.

SENATE PROBES TAX PUBLICITY

Washington, Nov. 21.—The legality of publishing specific income tax returns was the main question for consideration at today's session of the special senate committee investigating the internal revenue bureau, with the future course of the inquiry depending on the decision.

Officials of the internal revenue bureau halted their proceedings yesterday by raising the point in executive session and had not completed their argument against making the returns public when the session ended.

Chairman Couzens said that if the committee decided that the law did not permit the publication of specific returns, the hearing would center about conclusions drawn from a group of returns without identification of the makers. But, he added, if it is concluded that publication was legal, the committee will conduct a complete investigation publicly.

NO TRACE OF BANK ROBBERS

Bend, Or., Nov. 21.—No trace of the Metolus bank robbers has been found according to word from the sheriff's office in Marion, Jefferson county, this morning.

FOOTBALL

The Capital Journal Following its policy of public service in news, will tomorrow announce over its loud speaker the big football games of the season, play by play.

LABOR RAPS OLD PARTIES

Political Independence of Federation Must Be Maintained Is Report of Committee.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 21.—(By Associated Press)—A special report on political policy to the American Federation of Labor's 44th annual convention today by its executive council asserted that the organization must be kept free from political domination and that the non-partisan political campaign created during the recent campaign must be maintained permanently.

Ballot reforms, increased interest in the primaries of all parties, and freeing independent political movements of the narrowly circumscribed limitations as revealed by the recent national campaign also should be sought, the report declared.

Results achieved in the recent congressional elections were acclaimed as a "signal success in the furtherance of the interests of the wage earners and of the people of the country generally."

The report was signed by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, eight vice presidents and the secretary and the treasurer.

"Elimination of the cumbersome and archaic ballot definitely designed to prevent intelligent choice of candidates and to make independent voting difficult" was urged "if we are to have a free expression of the political intentions and desires of the people."

As to independent political movements, which, the report said were revealed by the recent national campaign as "so narrowly circumscribed as to make impossible a free expression of political intentions of those not in complete accord with the existing major political parties," the report suggested:

STAGE SET FOR ANNUAL CLASSIC

Corvallis, Or., Nov. 21.—Oregon's gridiron rivals will clash tomorrow afternoon at Bent field here for the championship of Oregon. This game will be the twenty-eighth between Oregon Agricultural college and the University of Oregon. Of the 27 games played Oregon has won 16 and the Aggie five, and six resulted in tie scores. The game is scheduled to start at 1:30 p. m.

WASHINGTON MOURNS FOR MRS. HARDING

Friends In All Walks of Life Express Sorrow; Coolidge Sends Message of Regret.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The death of Mrs. Harding aroused a deep sense of personal sorrow in the national capital.

The highest dignitaries of the government, headed by President Coolidge, joined in expressions of grief and regret, but quite another tribute of affection found voice among those who had befriended in the humbler walks of life and those who had looked with admiration and with pity on the tragic course of her brief tenure as mistress of the White House.

Among those who mourn most deeply at her death are the wound of soldiers at Walter Reed hospital, where she passed many hours and left many tokens of sympathy and encouragement.

Kind Acts Recalled The solicitude she showed on many occasions for the interests and happiness of others was recalled by her many friends when a serious illness cast their first cloud over her domestic life in the executive mansion during the summer of 1922. All of Washington poured out its sympathy and its prayers while she lay between life and death and then slowly began to mend.

The city's most vivid memories of her cheer, about funeral of the husband at whose side she was watching when he passed from life in San Francisco. In all that vast picture of grief and affection at the dead president the figure that will live longest in the recollection of the capital is that of the widow, who, bowed by her sorrow, went courageously through the long ordeal of mourning.

In Retirement Lately After the funeral of the president, Mrs. Harding lived in virtual retirement. She maintained a household in the city.

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MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN HANG SELVES, BELIEF

Mason, Ohio, Nov. 21.—The bodies of Mrs. Donald Burkhardt and her two children were found hanging in their home by the husband and father, Donald Burkhardt, when he returned from a hunting trip today. Burkhardt could give no explanation of the tragedy. Police are investigating.

Burkhardt said he found a note on the dining room table bidding farewell and then went to the cellar and found the three lifeless forms hanging. All the windows were closed and the doors were locked. The tragedy occurred some time between 3 o'clock when Mr. Burkhardt left the house and his return at 1 o'clock.

RALPH SPEAROW BACK FROM TOUR OF JAPAN

Eugene, Or., Nov. 21.—Rev. Ralph Spearow, holder of the world's intercollegiate pole vault record and a member of the 1924 American team which competed in the Olympic games at Paris, returned here last evening after an exhibition tour in Japan. He left Eugene later in the evening for Cottage Grove, his home.

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MRS. WARREN G. HARDING, WIFE

Plan Appointive Board to Select State Executives

(By Harry N. Crain.) Creation of an "appointment commission" composed of unaffiliated business men such as comprise the state highway commission is one of the remedies being considered for the evils that have arisen out of the Oregon system of making executive heads in the state government creatures of the spoils system, and steps are being taken to lay the scheme before the legislature in January.

As roughly outlined the plan is to create a commission of three members in whom would be vested the power to appoint and remove such appointive administrative officers as the corporation commissioner, insurance commissioner, industrial accident commissioner, and other officials of this sort. The super-commission would be, it is suggested, named by the legislature in the first instance, and the authority to fill vacancies caused by resignations or deaths would be vested in the governor.

HIPILITO VILLA NOT EXECUTED

Mexico City, Nov. 21.—(By Associated Press)—Hipilito Villa whose trial and execution were expected to his Canutillo hacienda was recently reported, arrived last night in Chihuahua City to confer with General Arzuffo Gomez, the military commander, regarding matters connected with his recent submission after months of guerrilla warfare, according to a dispatch from General Mober to the chief of staff.

Villa, who is a brother of the late Francisco ("Pancho") Villa, is still desirous of abandoning his revolutionary activities and will soon leave for Chihuahua, where he will be permitted to establish his residence.

Geo. Cecil Resigns

Portland, Nov. 21.—After more than 26 years in the United States forest service, George H. Cecil, district forester, has resigned. He will be succeeded by G. M. Granger, who comes here from the Rocky mountain district, with headquarters at Denver, Colo. Mr. Cecil announced his resignation yesterday, to take effect January 1. He will enter private work, but declined to state its nature.

LONG FIGHT FOR HEALTH FRUITLESS

Wife of Late President Passes on Peacefully Says Physician; Life One of Activity.

Marion, Ohio, Nov. 21.—(By Associated Press)—Florence Kling Harding, widow of Warren G. Harding, twenty-ninth president of the United States died here today.

The end came at 1:55 a. m. at the White Oaks sanitarium of Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, where she has been fighting for life for the last few weeks.

Mrs. Harding's death was due directly to a kidney ailment from which she has suffered for years and which nearly resulted in her death while she was mistress of the White House. She died peacefully, Dr. Sawyer said.

Complications Cause The death certificate, made out by Dr. Sawyer gave the cause of death as chronic nephritis with myo carditis and hydro nephrosis as contributing causes. Clifford B. Kling, Mrs. Harding's brother, George B. Christian, who had been secretary to Mr. Harding, Mrs. Mary Sawyer, widow of Brigadier General Charles E. Sawyer, and Dr. Carl Sawyer were present when the end came.

Except for a short interval of residence in Washington, Mrs. Harding has lived at the White Oaks farm since the death of President Harding in August, 1923. She went there primarily to be under the care of the late Brigadier General Charles E. Sawyer, who had been personal physician to her husband, while he was chief executive and who had been her physician for 20 years.

She became ill shortly after the death of Dr. Sawyer early this fall which, it is believed brought a respite in her condition. Arrangements for the funeral were immediately taken over by her brother and Mr. Christian.

Funeral on Monday The funeral services will be held at Epworth Methodist Episcopal church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. Jesse Swank, pastor of the church who conducted the funeral services for President Harding, will be in charge. He will be assisted by Rev. George M. Landis, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, of which Mrs. Harding was a member. Mrs. Harding has been a member of Epworth Methodist church since girlhood.

While no definite announcement has been made, it is expected that Mrs. Harding's body will be placed temporarily in the receiving vault in the Marion cemetery beside the body of her husband.

The body was removed from White Oaks sanitarium early today to the home of Mrs. Frank J. Langshore, a niece in East Church street.

Life Story Compelling

The life story of Florence Kling Harding, like an epic of sturdy American womanhood, was a chronicle of continual struggle against great odds, and of continual accomplishments.

From the day she first faced the world in a pioneer home in the middle west, until, broken in health, she undertook the heavy responsibilities of the white house, she encountered hardships before which a less courageous spirit would have weakened into dark mediocrity.

The most severe test of her fortitude was during the final illness and death of Mr. Harding and the trying ordeal that followed—the cross continent trip with the body; the public services in Washington; then the trip to and the funeral at Marion, Ohio.

Mrs. Harding had hardly recovered from an illness during which her life hung in the balance, when it came time for the president to start upon what proved his final trip, that to Alaska because of her devotion to her husband and unselfish of her own physical condition she accompanied on that journey and was constantly by his side. During the president's illness at San Francisco she never left him for a minute and it was she who summoned the physicians when the change came that finally resulted in death.

GORE TO BE APPOINTED AGRICULTURAL SECRETARY

Washington, Nov. 21.—President Coolidge expects to appoint Howard M. Gore, at present acting secretary, as secretary of agriculture to serve until he becomes governor of West Virginia on March 4; it was stated officially today at the white house.