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FECHET SUCCEEDS MITCHELL

POWER LINES TO CENTER IN WEST SALEM

Big Switching Station To Be Constructed On Plot Purchased By Portland Electric Company.

Purchase of block 12, West Salem, by the Portland Electric Power company, for the installation of a high tension switching station, was announced this morning by W. M. Hamilton, manager of the Salem department.

All of the 60 cycle, 600,000-volt transmission lines leading into Salem, including one from the hydro-electric plant in Estacada, one from the hydro-electric plant at Oregon City, one from the steam plants in Portland, and one from the 2500-horsepower steam plant here in Salem, will head up at this switching station in the near future, says Mr. Hamilton.

To Serve West Side "Ultimately we will install big transformers and transform power over in West Salem for the city of Salem, rather than with the substitution along our power plant, which will be transferred across the river, and the space it now occupies be used for additions to our steam plant," announces Mr. Hamilton.

The connection with the Mountain States company which is to go via the transmission line from Salem to Brunks corner, thence to Independence, now planned, will head up at this switching station.

A \$150,000 transmission line now under construction from Newberg to Salem will give a

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"DOC" POTTS, OF PRISON FAME, IS AGAIN IN TOILS

J. W. Murray, Bertillon expert at the state penitentiary, left today for Marshfield to return to the prison E. J. Potts, a parole violator. Potts was sent up from Gilliam county in 1917 to serve from one to ten years for embezzlement. He was paroled in September, 1923.

Potts has been a persistent offender and made himself acquainted in an informal and disagreeable way with a number of leading residents of Salem. On an occasion or two he left a string of unsatisfied checks here, which took him to the prison.

On one occasion, while on parole, he assumed the title of doctor, which he still carries, opened up business as an itinerant practitioner and became involved in an escape with a young girl in Falls City, which brought him back to the penitentiary.

Potts became noted for his oily tongue and ways and since the occasion of his last parole in 1923 did not pass checks here, but from a number of items on file against him in the county clerk's office, nevertheless succeeded in apparently getting away with other people's money or goods, without reimbursement to the owners.

According to word received here use of bad checks proved his downfall at Marshfield.

SNOW BLANKETS KLAMATH FALLS

Klamath Falls, Or., March 6.—Klamath Falls was covered with snow today as a result of a brisk snow storm which followed a heavy rain last night. Within the city the snow covered a depth of about four inches, and was even heavier in the surrounding hills.

Bent, Or., March 6.—Following more than two weeks of balmy weather the temperature dropped late yesterday afternoon and a light snow fell early in the evening. While the snow had melted on the pavement downtown this afternoon it showed no signs of entirely disappearing elsewhere and a cold wind was blowing.

Too Many Wives, Too Few Divorces Undoing of Hind

Too many marriages and too few divorces proved the undoing of Moses Hind, alias William Johnson, who was arrested last night at 20th and Lee streets, where he was living with wife No. 2, her sister and child. The arrest was made on telegraphic request from Ft. Scott, Kansas, where it is claimed Hind's wife No. 1 is living. Sheriff Bower and Deputy Sheriff Burkhardt were the arresting officers.

Hind, who lived here under the name of William Johnson, confessed to the sheriff and his deputy that he had a wife living in the east.

"She was mean to me. She wouldn't let me get a divorce. She nagged me, and made life generally unbearable," Hind is reported to have said to the officers.

Wife No. 2 and her sister both appeared extremely astonished when the arrest was made. They professed having had no knowledge of the fact that Hind had another wife and Hind bore them out

as to their ignorance. According to the story, Hind with his present wife and her sister and child came out to Oregon from Kansas last fall. Whether they were married here, there, or en route is not known. Since arriving here Hind has been attending an automobile school in Portland and would be away several days at a time.

Officers had been stalking the place of his residence here for over a week before locating him and had begun to fear that he had been tipped off and had fled. Then last night he appeared.

Discovery of his whereabouts was made through correspondence between his wife and her sister and their relatives at Ft. Scott. The fact that they were corresponding so openly further bears out the belief that the woman involved at this end had no knowledge of Hind's previous marriage.

Hind is held in jail here awaiting the arrival of officers from Kansas.

FALL CALLED TO TESTIFY IN OIL CASE

Former Secretary Served With Subpoena; Two Oil Operators Quizzed In Paris, Report.

El Paso, Texas, March 6.—Former Secretary of the Interior A. B. Fall was served today with a subpoena to appear as a witness in the Teapot Dome oil lease cancellation suit by United States department marshal, N. F. Work. It is understood Mr. Fall will leave within the next 24 hours for Cheyenne, where the suit opens Monday.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 6.—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, will be served today at El Paso, Texas, with a subpoena to appear as a witness for the government in the Teapot Dome lease cancellation trial opening next Monday, it was announced here today.

Paris, March 6.—(By Associated Press.)—H. M. Blackmer and James E. O'Neil, former officials of American oil companies, who have been visiting in France, were summoned before the civil tribunal of the Seine on February 24 for interrogation by Ulrich J. Mengert, special representative of the United States state department, in connection with the Teapot Dome naval reserve case. It was revealed today. Both men, it was added, refused to testify.

The proceedings which seemingly took place in privacy were properly attended, officially, by the French court immediately so that America aboard the George Washington on the following day.

Both Mr. Blackmer and Mr. O'Neil, it is understood, quietly admitted they personally had nothing to do with the case and declined resolutely to answer questions.

ARSONIST, LONG SOUGHT, FOUND IN TOLEDO, OHIO

Walter Sinclair, charged with assisting his stepfather in burning two automobile trucks at Fairfield over a year and a half ago in order to collect insurance money, is under arrest at Toledo, Ohio, according to telegraphic advices to Sheriff Bower. It is expected a man will be sent from the state fire marshal's office to return Sinclair here for trial. His stepfather, named Mason, pleaded guilty to the offense shortly after his arrest and was paroled.

Mason and Sinclair were taken to Portland by investigators from the fire marshal's office and after an inquiry it is stated both of them, in signed statements, admitted their guilt. On representations on the part of Sinclair that he would appear the next morning, he was permitted to remain in his cell until the night at a Portland hotel. The next morning he failed to appear and his arrest at Toledo has been the result of a nation wide search since that time.

The two men were employed at Fairfield on a logging contract in which they employed the two trucks. One was in a shed and another outside when the fire occurred. Both destroyed. Remnants of the destroyed machine are still held by sheriff as evidence against them.

He has been employed as a truck driver between Toledo and Detroit, making his home in Toledo. The sheriff has requested the fire marshal's office to send a man after him as the trip will probably consume nearly three weeks and the sheriff does not wish to spare a deputy from his duties for that length of time.

NOT GUILTY IS PLEA OF PHILLIP HAMMOND

Portland, Or., March 6.—Phillip Hammond, Oregon City lawyer and a member of the legislature, pleaded not guilty in federal court today to a charge of violating the war risk insurance act by overcharging parents of a deceased veteran for making out their applications for compensation. The trial was set for May 7.

SALEM SERVED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF INAUGURATION OVER TELEPHONE LINES



Chief Justice Taft administering the oath of office to President Coolidge at the Capitol.

PHOTOS SENT OVER WIRES

Pictures Transmitted by Telephone Serve Salem With Inaugural Views in 48 Hours.

Today the Capital Journal presents to its readers photographs of the inauguration of President Coolidge taken in Washington, 3000 miles away, which were transmitted over 3600 miles of telephone line, and made available for publication here less than 48 hours after the inaugural ceremonies had been completed.

The publication of these views is made possible through the courtesy of the Pacific State Telephone & Telegraph company, coast division of the Bell system. Snapped in Washington during the ceremonies, the views were transmitted to San Francisco over a special wire in seven minutes. Here they were reproduced, made up into newspaper mats and mailed to Salem. They arrived here at 3 o'clock this morning, just 36 hours after the pictures were taken in Washington.

Inauguration Photos Test The purpose of the present test was to demonstrate the capabilities over transcontinental distances of a new system of electrically transmitting pictures devised by the Bell Telephone engineers. Four cities were connected to other for the purposes of this test, the arrangements being such that pictures were sent from Washington, D. C., to New York, Chicago and San Francisco simultaneously. The

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SEEK NEW TRIAL FOR CHAS. FORBES

Chicago, March 6.—(By Associated Press.)—Application for a writ of error on behalf of Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former head of the United States veterans' bureau, recently found guilty with John W. Thompson of conspiracy, was filed in federal court today.

Forbes' counsel seeks to pass the sentence to the circuit court of appeals.

Stay of sentence of Forbes, who like Thompson, was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to prison for two years, was extended for 40 days by Judge Samuel Alschuler of the circuit court of appeals, but he refused to pass on the application for a writ of error and supercede in the absence of the trial judge, George A. Carpenter, who sentenced Forbes and Thompson.

PLANES COLLIDE 4000 FEET IN AIR PILOTS ESCAPE

San Antonio, Texas, March 6.—When two Kelly field planes collided in mid-air at an elevation of about 4000 feet today, both pilots jumped from the wrecked machines in parachutes, landing safely soon after the burning planes, locked wing in wing, crashed.

Second Lieutenant C. D. McCullister and Cadet Charles A. Lindberg of the advanced flying school of Kelly field were the pilots of the planes. With the exception of a few minor scratches neither man was hurt.

This is the first time in history that two pilots have leaped from different ships following a collision and landed without fatal injuries.

Under the command of First Lieutenant T. Blackburn, a group of advanced students flying in 8-ship formation, were practicing attack work on a D. H.-4-B plane driven by Lieutenant R. L. Mangrum.

City Built on Gold Bearing Sand, Claim

Salem is a city built on gold, contends Walter Lowe, street commissioner, who in 1850 panned gold from the black sands taken from the excavations for the basement of the city hall on Chemeleta and High street, and who declares that the gravel being taken from the sewer ditch between the Bush pasture and Rural avenue is gold bearing gravel.

"This whole city of Salem is built on the delta of the Santiam river, which carried gold to the Willamette for ages," says Mr. Lowe. "Little old Mill creek is now flowing along the former channel of the Santiam. I don't remember seeing it, but records prove it," he declared.

At the time the city hall basement was dug, Mr. Lowe was fire chief of Salem and assistant city engineer. He used laborers from the city jail to a large extent, and while he watched them, he panned the sands they excavated and took out enough gold for pin money.

"Only powdered flour gold is to be found in this old delta land," says Mr. Lowe. "If there'd been anything big in the way of gold, this city would have been dug 30 years ago."

AND SERVICE POST FILLED BY COOLIDGE

Veteran of Spanish-American War Selected by Weeks to Displace Critic of Aviation Service.

Washington, Mar. 6.—Selection of Colonel James E. Fechet to be assistant chief of the army air service, to succeed Brigadier General William Mitchell, was announced today by Secretary Weeks.

General Mitchell's term as assistant chief will expire April 27, when Colonel Fechet will assume the duties and the rank of brigadier general. General Mitchell reverting to his own rank of colonel.

Colonel Fechet was born in Texas, August 21, 1877, and enlisted as a private in the sixth cavalry during the war with Spain, April 18, 1898. He became a second lieutenant in 1899 and has passed through the other grades to his present rank in the regular army.

He participated in the Santiago campaign and was wounded at the battle of San Juan in 1898. He also saw active service during the Philippine insurrection and served with the punitive expedition in Mexico in 1916.

Colonel Fechet is a qualified pilot, having served continuously in the aviation service since September, 1917. He was appointed temporary lieutenant colonel, aviation at the outbreak of the world war, promoted to temporary colonel in 1918, his temporary commission terminating in 1920, when he was permanently transferred to the air service. He stands third in relative rank among the lieutenant colonels of the army air service.

Nomination Transmitted The nomination of Colonel Fechet, carrying the rank of brigadier general was sent to the senate by President Coolidge a short time after he had received the recommendation from Secretary Weeks.

KUNTZ BOOKS ARE JUMBLED

Rumors of Shortage in Accounts of Former Justice of Peace Not Substantiated by Audit.

Investigation of reports which have been growing on the streets to the effect that shortages have been found in the accounts of P. J. Kuntz, retiring justice of the peace for this district, reveals that discrepancies which are said to exist will be adjusted between the county court and Justice Kuntz without difficulty. It is even possible if any shortage exists it is in favor of Kuntz as against the county, although it has not been definitely determined which way the answer may read until final audit is completed by J. C. Siegmund. Siegmund has been working on an audit of the justice's accounts for the county court.

The initial audit revealed an apparent discrepancy in regard to fines collected and fine moneys paid into the county treasurer, but this soon was cleared up. It developed that there were a number of instances where fines were assessed and the defendant permitted to pay the fines in monthly installments, but the books failed to reveal this clearly for the auditor. One instance was shown where a fine was assessed, the defendant made an effort to secure the money, failed to do so and laid out his time in jail. The amount involved was \$100. The

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SALEM HEIGHTS STORE ROBBED

Sardines and pineapples were the net gain of robbers who entered the Salem Heights store of Wiggins & Son last night, making a raid on a storehouse in the rear after efforts to gain entrance to the front of the store had proved ineffectual.

The robbers pried a lock from the front door, but there was another lock on the door which baffled them.

They then made entrance at the rear through a window which led them into a store house where odds and ends were kept in addition to canned goods, sacked dried fruits and similar staple articles. They picked out some cans of sardines and pineapples and fled, according to a check of the goods made this morning.

Deputy Sheriff Burkhardt and Smith are investigating of the premises today.

CHILD-WOMAN HELD POISONED

Denver, Colo., March 6.—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Hazel Blazer, 32 years old, died "as a result of poison administered by her father, Dr. H. E. Blazer," Egglewood physician. Dr. Blazer, who is suffering from poison taken in a suicide attempt after he is alleged to have slain his daughter, already is facing first degree murder charges. The daughter has been an invalid since childhood.

FARMERS' BALLOT

To ascertain the sentiment of farmers upon the auto parking limit in the business district of Salem, country readers are requested to cut out, mark with an X their preference and mail this ballot to the Capital Journal.

Favor one hour parking limit.
 Favor two hour parking limit.
 No limit.

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Address _____