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GRAND JURY PROBES PRISON

SALEM KEEPS CONTROL OF LINEN MILL

Withdrawal Of Canadian Interests By Mutual Consent Leaves Full Ownership Here.

The Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., will go ahead and construct its plant regardless of withdrawal of the Canadian interests originally connected with the plan, declares R. O. Swelling, secretary-treasurer of the company, to put at rest reports that the action on the part of the Canadian interests would result in an abandonment of the linen mill plan.

As a matter of fact men interested in the mill are satisfied that the mill plan is even more strongly entrenched than ever, that the withdrawal of the Canadian interests is a godsend to the industry as it will permit of manufacture of higher grade linens and keep the control of the property at home.

Under the original Canadian plan the mill was to be circumscribed to the manufacture of the lower counts, or coarser grades of linen, and disagreement over this led somewhat to the mutual agreement between the Canadian interests and local people to abandon their initial plans.

Announcement also is made that the first shipment of machinery for the new mill will leave a British port within 90 days insuring the mill's operation by August next.

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COLONEL HOUSE COOLIDGE GUEST FOR WEEK END

Washington, Dec. 19.—(A.P.)—Colonel E. M. House, for years President Wilson's confidant and appointed by him a member of the Versailles peace commission, is a house guest of President Coolidge at the White House.

The colonel arrived in Washington last night and went at once to the executive mansion. Today he visited Secretary Kellogg at the state department.

His sudden appearance at a time when the president and secretary of state are seeking advice on the league of nations invitation to take part in a disarmament meeting, caused a flutter in Washington.

Under President Wilson's appointment, Colonel House was the American member of the committee, which drew up the league covenant at Versailles, and though the equipment of this committee, has kept himself informed about details of the league's operations.

White House officials professed ignorance of any special significance which might attach to the presence of the colonel as the guest of Mr. Coolidge and the state department declined to disclose what had been discussed with Secretary Kellogg.

President Coolidge also summoned to the White House today Senator Underwood of Alabama, former democratic leader of the senate and a member of the American delegation to the arms conference held in Washington in 1921. The subject discussed was not disclosed.

After his talk with Colonel House, Secretary Kellogg went to the capitol and had lunch with Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee.

ANOTHER COLORADO BANK CLOSES DOORS

Denver, Colo., Dec. 19.—(A. P.)—The First National bank of Rifle, Colo., with capital of \$25,000, and total resources totalling approximately \$200,000, closed its doors yesterday. L. K. Roberts, national bank examiner, announced here today.

The action was taken at the initiative of the directors of the bank. This is the sixth bank in Colorado to close in the past three days. The other five are Denver suburban banks.

GOO EVENING WORK and MUSIC

By Stoddard King

WANTED, MISCELLANEOUS People whom I would not offend, since they are near and dear, Are really very trying, about this time of year.

"What do you want for Christmas?" they endlessly persist, Each being busy with the job of getting up a list.

It is a maddening question; the things I really crave I doubt they shall ever get on this side of the grave; And things that people give me, the little odds and ends, I rather hate to mention to relatives and friends.

What do I want? Great heaven! I want a tropic island, beside a green lagoon; I want a Tudor castle, I want the gift of song, I want a great deal here below, and want to keep it long.

The gifts I want for Christmas include no single thing (That can be bought in busy stores and tied with colored string; None but a fairy godmother can grant my wishes, yet I shall be grateful and polite, whatever I may get.

Governments agents are working to prevent the organizing of a Pullman porters' union, on the ground that it is a communistic enterprise directed from Russia. Ofhand, we would have said it looked more like a black hand conspiracy.

Complicated beyond the average are the duties of the Seattle jail matron who recently was appointed "to be an advisor to girls contemplating suicide." Giving advice is easy, but so far no science has discovered the only way to tell that a girl contemplates suicide is by her deliberate neglect to have permanent wave reworked.

The husband in a Cleveland (Ohio) divorce suit contends that he was a good washer of dishes, which possibly goes to show that in some cases not even the supreme sacrifice is enough to hold a wife's affection.

THIRD PARTY MOVE LAUNCHED NORTH DAKOTA

Bismark, N. D., Dec. 19.—(A.P.)—A third party movement in North Dakota in preparation for the 1926 political campaign was started here last night with the formation of the farmer-labor party of this state.

The organization was regarded as a skeleton affair with its final definite status probably not being decided until next February. Those who sponsored the third party idea are members of the non-partisan league. The league itself was not behind the plan.

Those who attended the meeting here adopted state and national platforms for the farmer-labor party, which they hope to put on a solid national footing. They prepared to launch a ticket for the senate elections next year.

The national platform demands that the federal government give the same consideration to agricultural interests that it has given to the railroads and other corporations.

The interstate commerce commission was urged to reduce to pre-war levels the present freight rates on agricultural products.

Trophies of Roosevelt Central Asia Hunting Expedition Disappear

Batum, Georgian Republic, Dec. 19.—(A.P.)—Officials throughout Trans-Caucasia have been given orders to spare no effort in endeavoring to locate the lost trophies of the Roosevelt-Simpson-Field museum expedition to Central Asia, which disappeared in transit between Andijan and this port.

The loss is important because it includes all the trophies obtained by the members of the expedition (Advises received by the Field museum in Chicago on Thursday said the lost trophies included rare specimens of the skins, skulls and skeletons of 100 birds and animals, as well as a large number of ibex and Siberian roe. They did not,

\$25,656,882 INCREASE '26 ASSESSMENT

Grand Total Of Rolls \$1,084,537,818—Each Classification Shows Gain Throughout State.

The assessment roll of Oregon for 1925, on which the tax levies for 1926 will be based, is an increase of \$25,656,882.30 over the roll for last year, according to the summary which was today completed by the state tax department.

The grand total this year is \$1,084,537,818.91, of which \$29,483,911.20 is the total of the summary of the several counties as equalized by the county boards of equalization and \$155,052,707.71 is the total assessed property of public service corporations as equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission.

The grand total last year was \$1,058,880,936.61, of which \$910,425,790.32 was the county figures and \$148,454,946.29 the utility company figures.

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On the new county rolls the various totals making up the (Continued from Page One)

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PREVENT DUPLICATION To prevent duplication of Christmas relief work in and about Salem the committee in charge of the Christmas Cheer Movement of the Capital Journal and the Salem Elks this morning issued a request that all persons and organizations undertaking to care for the needs of individual children or families report the names of those children or families to Fred Erixon, phone 618.

Urgent and immediate needs of boys and girls in distress are rapidly depleting the funds in the hands of the committee, and ways and means of providing the toys, the candy and nuts, the books and the other little gifts that put the joy into Christmas for the kiddies are rapidly assuming the proportions of a serious problem. Each day of investigation and search for unfortunate children is bringing to light new cases that must be dealt with on the spot.

Had To Wear Girl's Shoes There is the little boy who, forced to wear girl's shoes and scanty clothing that was scarcely more than a collection of rags, was reluctant to go to school and face the taunts of his thoughtless playmates. Today he is wearing a brand new outfit from head to toe.

Clothing and shoes have also been provided for the boy, scarcely old enough to work, who has

With only \$135.35 subscribed to the fund of the annual Christmas Cheer movement of the Capital Journal and the Salem Lodge of Elks up to 1 o'clock this afternoon the committee in charge was seriously considering the probability of having to curtail its plans for providing a Merry Christmas for all of the unfortunate children of the city—those whom Santa may forget.

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18 CONVICTED IN WHISKEY THEFT AT DISTILLERY

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—(A. P.)—Eighteen men convicted of conspiracy to "milk" the Jack Daniel distillery at St. Louis of 30,000 gallons of pre-war whiskey are at liberty today on bonds of \$5000 to \$10,000, and five more are held in jail here in lieu of bond waiting sentence on December 30 in federal court.

All were found guilty late yesterday on charges brought by the government against the men who it called the "higher ups" in a case regarded by its counsel as one of the most important ever undertaken in the central west to halt illegal traffic in whiskey.

Twenty of the convicted men are from St. Louis. Among them are Arnold Holmich, former internal revenue collector of Missouri; Nat Goldstein, broker and former circuit clerk of St. Louis county; State Senator Michael J. Kinney of St. Louis and his brother, William, a former deputy revenue collector.

Prosecuting attorneys were called today over what they called one of the most outstanding prohibition victories won in recent years.

The maximum penalty for such a conspiracy is two years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

The case concerned the withdrawal of 20,000 gallons of whiskey from the distillery in August, 1923. The liquor was purchased by George Remus, wealthy Cincinnati bootlegger, Remus asserting that through the influence of several politicians the ring had obtained protection from the internal revenue office. Indictments were returned in St. Louis the following month, but trials did not materialize. Seizure of whiskey here in December, 1923, identified as part of the St. Louis stock enroute to Cincinnati led to indictments against 37 persons.

HOUSE HEARS ATTACKS ON VOLSTEADISM

Dry Law-Assailed As Un-enforceable And a Failure; People Don't Want To Be Dry

Washington, Dec. 19.—(A.P.)—The Volstead act was assailed in the house today by Representative Vane, republican of Pennsylvania, as an unenforceable law.

"The people don't want to be bone dry," he said.

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SHORTAGE OF FLAX FUNDS INVESTIGATED

After Returning Seven True Bills, Grand Jury Begins Probe Of Prison Flax Industry.

After returning seven true bills of indictment this afternoon the Marjion county grand jury continued in session for the purpose of making an investigation of the state flax industry at the penitentiary.

This investigation comes as something of a surprise, since it was not known that such a probe was pending, and at whose request the investigation is being made could not be learned. It is understood, however, that a minute scrutiny of the book records of the industry will be made to ascertain what business methods are being used by the state in promoting the flax enterprise.

Another phase of the investigation, it is believed, may grow out of criticism made by a number of farmers during the incumbency of Robert Crawford, a superintendent of the flax industry to the effect that poor seed was furnished by the state, resulting in the curtailed crop of the last season. Crawford was a few weeks ago removed from the post of superintendent by Governor Pierce and J. J. Quintland took his place.

Further the mechanical methods of obtaining money by false pretenses when he got \$350 from the Aumsville state bank on the pretense that he was the sole owner of a number of registered cattle.

Among the seven indictments returned by the grand jury today were true bills against Charles Chittick, William Elliott, and another man all charged with statutory crimes involving Beulah Springer, a girl of 14 years, and an indictment against Mrs. Anna Springer, the girl's mother, charged with causing the delinquency of the girl. Acts causing the delinquency of the girl are said to have been committed at a time when the woman and the girl were accompanied by Albert Cox and Roy Smith. Neither of the latter has yet been arrested.

An indictment was returned against LeRoy Rice, accused of a statutory crime involving a female relative who is a minor.

An indictment was brought against Edith Flint, charged with larceny in a dwelling house, the specific charge being that she took an electric heater belonging to Mrs. Velma Prime.

Also an indictment was returned against G. W. Hayes, accused of obtaining money by false pretenses when he got \$350 from the Aumsville state bank on the pretense that he was the sole owner of a number of registered cattle.

TWO SILVERTON BOOTLEGGERS ASK MORE TIME

A. N. Peterson of Silverton and J. R. Patton, who accompanied him when he picked up prohibition Commissioner Levens and two of his deputies between Silverton and Salem yesterday, today asked for an extension of time in which to enter their pleas.

In justice court here Peterson, charged with the selling of intoxicating liquor, today asked for time in which to consult an attorney, and his bail was fixed at \$1000.

The charge against Patton is transportation of liquor. He also asked time in which to consult an attorney, and his bail was fixed at \$500. Peterson expected to furnish bail, but Patton said he was without funds.

Deb Day, charged with selling liquor, and one of the associates in the liquor business with Russell Beckett, today pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace Small. He was sentenced to serve three months in the county jail and pay a fine of \$100.

Beckett was found guilty at a justice court hearing a few days ago and sentenced to nine months in jail and to pay a fine of \$600.

Three of the nine months' sentence were for contempt of court, Beckett refusing to answer a question of the district attorney when he was ordered to do so by the court.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

Capital Journal	\$ 25.00
Salmon Ad Club	10.00
Deputy Santa Claus	5.00
Marion-Polk County	5.00
Really Association	10.00
A Friend	5.00
Unknown	3.00
Contributor	1.00
Henry Jaquet	5.00
A Friend	10.00
Stenographer	5.00
Henry Lee	5.00
A Friend	5.00
Helper	2.00
A Rotarian	2.50
A Friend	1.00
Mrs. Fanny Tracy	3.00
Bonus Commission	5.00
Employees	5.00
Pleasant Point	5.00
Sunday School	5.00
O. Klett	5.00
Salesman	5.00
A Business Firm	5.00
A Father	5.00
Christmas Cheer Box	6.00
Total	\$135.35

GRANGE ELECTS BASEY MASTER

A. J. Basey, resident of this vicinity since 1896, was today elected master of Salem Grange No. 17. Mr. Basey is a retired farmer, operated a livery stable in Salem many years ago, and at present lives on South Capitol street. Other officers of the local grange were elected today as follows:

Overseer, Dr. A. Slaughter; lecturer, S. H. Van Trump; steward, Milton Brown; assistant steward, Gus Cole; chaplain, I. T. Moore; secretary-treasurer, Miss Elmer Fletcher; gate keeper, W. B. Mooney; Coras, Mrs. S. H. Van Trump; Poona, Mrs. A. J. Basey; Flora, Mrs. Cole; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Belle McGheest; pianist, Mrs. C. H. Taylor; chorister, A. C. Batscheimer.

The local grange at the same meeting went on record as favoring George A. Palmier for master of the state grange. Palmier is state master at present. Installation of local officers will be held at the next meeting of the organization January 15.

Christmas Mail Rush Reaches Season's Peak At Local Postoffice

With a sudden increase in mailing at the Salem post office, indications were that mailing here would approach the height of its intensity for the Christmas season today.

Seven auxiliary clerks and two auxiliary carriers are employed at the postoffice at present. It was stated this morning by J. H. Farrar, postmaster, "We have other clerks and carriers engaged," he said, "and will put them on as fast as needed." Possibly no more additional clerks will be needed, he indicated, but some \$ or 10 extra carriers will be used to deliver mail before the Christmas rush is