

### GRAVE CHARGE AWAITS YOUNG WALTER FINKE

Portland, Ore. (AP)—Police prepared Tuesday to file charges of first degree murder against Walter J. Finke, 16 year old high school boy, who murdered Herbert Beem, 18, his rival, in a corridor of the Jefferson high school here Monday afternoon.

Finke, who shot himself through the chest, puncturing one lung, was given a good chance for recovery by hospital attendants Tuesday.

Overcome by jealousy because Mildred Knott, 16, "threw him over" for Merbert Beem, young Finke went to the school shortly after noon and asked to have the girl summoned to the office of the principal, saying he was her cousin. He handed her a bundle of letters when she appeared but when the girl admitted he was not a cousin, a woman teacher refused to allow them to converse further.

The youth stayed around the school, however, and at the end of the next period, he espied Mildred and Herbert conversing in the corridor. Without a word he drew an automatic revolver and pumped three bullets into Beem's body, then one through his chest.

Hundreds of students heard and saw the shooting and for a time pandemonium reigned. Teachers ordered them all in the auditorium however, and police arrived to take the situation in hand.

Beem died instantly and Finke was so dangerously wounded that

police surgeons would not allow him to be questioned. Miss Knott and other students told of the quarrel and Mildred said that Walter had threatened to kill Beem and her also—but I didn't dream he would really do it," she said.

Police believe only the presence of the teacher and an assistant principal stopped the boy from slaying the girl also.

### TEACHERS PICNIC AT HAGERS, JUNE 4

The first teachers' picnic to be sponsored by the Salem Teachers' association will be held at Hager's grove after school on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 4, announces Miss Dorothy Taylor, president of the association.

Mrs. Grace Wolgamott has been appointed in general charge. Games of all kinds, baseball, soccer, and volley ball are being planned. Mrs. L. L. Jensen, head of the domestic science department at Salem high school will be in charge of the supper. Plans for transportation will be announced later.

Salem public school system includes 192 teachers and the picnic is the first all-teacher affair to be given.

### A BASKET OF BISHOPS

bishops are to be raised in baskets to Mount Athos for a convocation next year. They will come from every unit of the eastern orthodox church. The monastery on Mount Athos, for centuries a citadel of theology, can be reached only by baskets drawn up by block and tackle.

### WORK BEGINS ON 4 MARKET ROAD PROJECTS

Work on four market road projects is underway in Marion county and two more market road jobs will be opened within a few days, according to Frank O. Johnson, assistant county roadmaster.

The power shovel started work Monday morning on the Killen bridge road; W. W. Westinghouse was superintending a new crew starting on the Shaw-Aumsville road; and work was being continued on the Salem-Independence road and on the Brooks-Mt. Angel road.

Three miles of the Shaw-Aumsville road are slated for improvement to market road specifications this season and the Westinghouse crew will be increased to speed up the work. The power shovel will be sent to the Million Dollar highway, the Brooks-Mt. Angel road Tuesday and will be read for work Wednesday morning, according to Johnson.

One of the biggest jobs to be tackled by county crews this season, building a new grade on the Ankeny hill between Rosedale and Buena Vista, will be started later this week. An entirely new grade will be built and the new road will be approximately one half mile longer than the present steep incline.

One of the eight bridges across Butte creek and Pudding river which Marion county owns jointly with Clackamas county, will be roofed this week. Peter Schmidt will build a new roof on the Ross bridge, the only bridge between Monitor

and Jack's bridge over Butte creek. The other seven bridges in which Marion shares ownership with Clackamas are the east of Hubbard bridge, the Killen bridge, the Barlow bridge, the Morris, the Minton, the Scotts Mills, and Jack's bridges.

### COUGAR ATTACK COW AND MAN

Marshfield, Ore. (AP)—The interference of a stray dog and the power behind several well-placed kicks in the face of a six-foot cougar, Sunday, saved W. J. Ocheltree, Middlefork rancher, a severe mauling by a young cougar.

The cougar leaped from the bush onto the back of a cow that was being led down the open Coos Bay highway by Eimer Ocheltree, 13 years old. The boy screamed and his father, working in a field nearby, ran to his rescue.

Temporarily frightened by the boy's screams, the cougar ran back into the bush. When the elder Ocheltree arrived, the cougar snarled and attacked him.

"I backed off and kicked him in the face a half dozen times before a stray dog ran between me and the animal," Ocheltree said. "The cougar attacked the dog but it soon escaped. The my hound came up and treed the cougar. We shot and killed it a few minutes later."

Injury to one leg was thought by Ocheltree to have prevented the animal from hunting and to have brought on the hunger which resulted in the daring attack on the open highway.

### ACTIVITY WORK USED IN SCHOOLS OF CALIFORNIA

Outstanding activity work, the same type of work which has been done in Washington school here, is being done in the California schools which they visited, says Miss Charlotte Crowley, elementary supervisor in Salem schools, who returned Sunday afternoon from a ten day survey trip to San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and Stockton schools. Making the trip with Miss Crowley were Mrs. Minnie Duncan, principal at Washington school, and Mrs. Clara T. Pomeroy, supervisor of writing and spelling in the local schools.

The Salem teachers spent one day at Ashland normal school, one day in the John Muir grade school and one day in the Raphael Weill school in San Francisco. They spent a day in the Thousand Oaks school at Berkeley and at the McClesney school in Oakland. They visited the Stanford University campus, and San Jose Normal school and spent a day in the Stockton public schools and a day at Chico Normal where they visited Miss Aune Simpson, former supervisor of health education in Marion county who is now supervisor of health education for all the normal schools in California.

Under the direction of Julia Leheld Hahn, the San Francisco grade schools are doing activity work of the highest type, says Miss Crowley. At Berkeley where Principal Har-

well is in charge, the pupils were doing outstanding work in a nature study project. The Salem teachers were interested also in the work at the Raphael Weill school where all types of foreign children are enrolled. The elementary supervisor at Stockton, Miss Myrtle Carnes, was formerly a lecturer at Monmouth Normal.

### TALKIE HAS WIDE RANGE OF SCENES

"The Carnation Kid," which stars Douglas MacLean in his latest production featuring talking sequences is claimed to have the widest range of sets and locations seen to date in a talking picture. The picture opens Tuesday at the Esplanade theater.

To illustrate how the talking pictures have gotten out of the stage of simple talking scenes all of which take place in a few rooms, the new production has settings in a drawing room of a fast moving Pullman railroad car, the office of a political boss, the home of a district attorney, the audience and the stage of a theater; two different

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MRS. SMITH ILL  
Stanton—Miss Susie Kearns has received word that her sister Mrs. Sis Bailey Smith is very ill. This is the third attack of flu Mrs. Smith

has suffered this winter. She has been taken to Alturas City to the home of her son Lloyd.

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## MALICE or IGNORANCE?

In an article published in one of Portland's newspapers under the signature of Kenneth G. Harlan an attempt is made to show that PORTLAND ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY has issued and outstanding millions of dollars of securities representing no value. The article states:

"The annual report of the Portland Electric Power company shows that it had stocks and bonds outstanding on December 31, 1927, in the amount of \$112,064,000.79, with a total property valuation of only \$80,179,058."

The clear inference to be drawn from the quoted statement was that on December 31, 1927, this company had outstanding obligations of \$112,064,000.79, or approximately \$32,000,000 more than the property valuation.

The annual report of this company for the year 1927, filed with the Public Service Commission and to which Mr. Harlan refers, did not state that on December 31, 1927, there were outstanding stocks and bonds in the amount of \$112,064,000.79.

The said report listed:

"Total stocks or ownership liability \$34,688,196.  
"Long-term debt \$77,375,804.79."

The same report, on the same page, listed the following securities owned by the company:

Sinking funds .....	\$ 8,444,449.11
Reacquired securities .....	343,300.00
Treasury securities .....	23,910,000.00
	\$32,697,749.11

The item of \$8,444,449.11 represented the par value of bonds purchased by the company in the market under the Sinking Fund provisions of its mortgages and no longer constituted a liability.

The item of Reacquired Securities, \$343,300, represented stock of the company reacquired and owned by the company.

The item of \$23,910,000 of Treasury Securities represented the par value of unsold bonds of the company on which not one cent of interest had ever been accrued or paid.

The three items, aggregating \$32,697,749.11, constituted a and were a part of the \$112,064,000.79 referred to by Mr. Harlan.

The par value of capital stock and bonds of this company actually outstanding on December 31, 1927, therefore, amounted to \$79,366,251.68 instead of \$112,064,000.79, as stated by Mr. Harlan.

At the time of writing the article referred to, and for a long time prior thereto, Mr. Harlan had possession of the reports detailing the facts, as above stated. He was either incompetent to read and understand the reports, or willfully misrepresented the facts.

In the same article Mr. Harlan quoted an unidentified auditor as authority for a statement made in 1924 as follows:

"He said the company had more than \$90,000,000 of borrowed capital on which it was carrying on its business at that time."

At no time since the organization of this company has its liability for borrowed capital ever exceeded \$46,000,000.

There is a universally accepted maxim that a witness found to be false in one part of his testimony is to be distrusted in all.

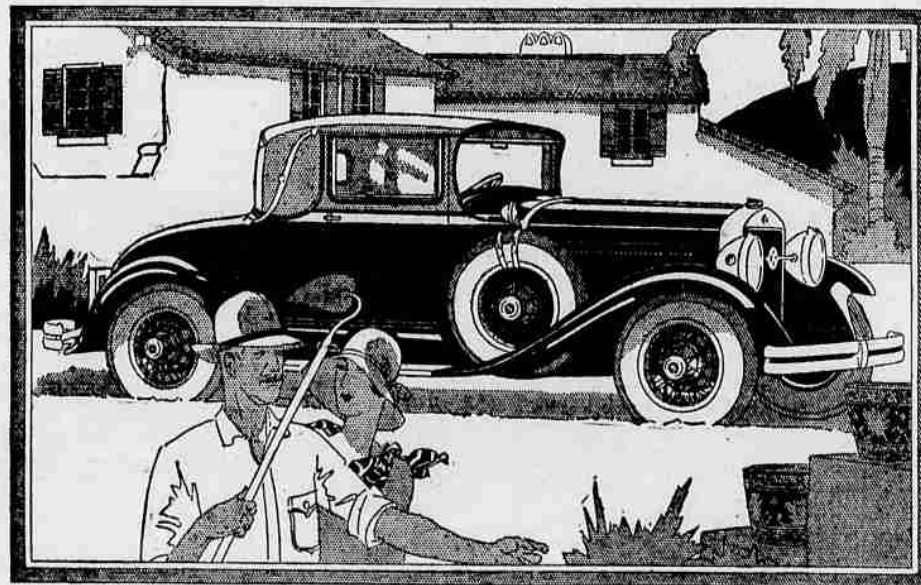
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