

# LOCALS

## JURY VERDICT IN JURY ESTATE CASE UPHELD

A jury verdict in the court of Judge Percy R. Kelly is upheld by an opinion of the supreme court Tuesday in the case of O. L. Denver, executor of the estate of Sarah A. Jory, against George W. Jory, appellant.

The jury verdict allowed the plaintiff judgments on three causes of action in amounts of \$240, plus \$50 attorney fees, for the first cause, \$25 for the second cause and \$150 for the third.

The plaintiff alleged as first cause that the defendant had given Sarah A. Jory a promissory note for \$125. The defendant admitted this but contended that it had been paid.

For the second cause it was alleged that Sarah A. Jory, during 1921 and 1922, advanced the defendant, who was her husband, various sums totaling \$223.40. Jory admitted that only \$68 of this and contended that the defendant had given Sarah A. Jory a promissory note for \$125. The defendant admitted this but contended that it had been paid.

The supreme court finds evidence to support the allegations in the second and third causes.

## TEACHERS APPROVE WOLFE'S INNOVATION

That the majority of the innovations made in the high school organization by Principal Fred Wolfe have the approval of the teaching staff is shown by the answers returned by the roll slips sent out Monday by Wolfe. The one new feature which is criticized by the teachers is the 10 minute roll period each morning. Fourteen teachers considered the roll period poor, 3 considered it harmful, 3 teachers were neutral, 7 thought it good, and 16 were decidedly in favor of it. Twelve of those opposing the roll period state they would favor it if it were shortened.

Notes on the other ideas were as follows: 12—period bell, "fine thing"; 12—"good"; 15—"neutral"; 7—"harmful"; 1. Sophomore, junior and senior home rooms, "fine thing"; 16—"good"; 12—"neutral"; 3. Girls and boys home rooms, "fine thing"; 6—"good"; 9—"neutral"; 9. "overwhelming in favor of the present attendance report system, 19 stating it to be a "fine thing"; 14 considering the innovation "good"; and four teachers thought it neither good nor bad.

## HOP BUYER HOLDS NO MARKET HOPES

Robert Oppenheim, vice-president of the Hop Growers' Inc. of New York, one of the largest hop dealing firms in the country, is in Salem, the guest of Mayor T. A. Lively. The T. A. Lively hop company has connections with the Hugo Loewi company handling quantities of hops for them every year.

Mr. Loewi has no ray of hope for crop prospects especially for the immediate future and was not optimistic for the spring. He made no particular comments which would give any optimistic tone to the situation.

## TWO KILLED IN ALABAMA WRECK

Birmingham, Ala. (P)—Two persons were dead Wednesday and six were injured in a passenger train wreck in the death of Louisville and Nashville passenger train No. 4 Monday night near Trafford, Ala., 22 miles north of here. Ten of the injured were hurt seriously. The train was enroute to Cincinnati from New Orleans.

The dead: Tom Lee Harrison, engineer, of Decatur, Ala.

John Henry Johnson, 19, of Louisville, Ky., who was riding between the train's coaches.

A negro fireman was not expected to recover.

## RELEASED FROM JAIL

Dallas—John McDowell of Corvallis was released from the county jail on \$50 bond Saturday to appear for trial Friday, January 21. He was arrested by Sheriff T. B. Hooker, January 11, charged with stealing an automobile tire at Pedee.

## SOUIS PECKMEAL

Northampton, England (P)—The Rev. H. Birkley of Northampton declared that people do not sell their souls to the devil in the blatant wholesale way of Faust, but transfer them on the installment plan.

## RAIN IN LOS ANGELES IS COLD, BISTERY AND DISAGREEMENT

Rain in Los Angeles is cold, bistery and disagreement and not like a "friendly Oregon rain." Jack Hughes, owner of the Blue Bird, writes friends after four consecutive days of rain. Hughes also reports a slight earthquake. It is the same old story of bumcombe and blah, he writes with business conditions not so good and beggars and fairs galore, and the way of the people he talks with who live in the city. As he completes the letter, the sun, possibly jarred by the tremor, is reported coming out and he ends to rush outside to witness the rare spectacle. Hughes expects to return to Salem about February 1.

## GOING PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

Evidently is the motto of Dr. S. W. Yancy of Prineville, Ore., whose automobile, parked on a downtown street Tuesday was equipped with chains all around, while a pair of snowshoes were parked on the running board.

## GOVERNOR A. W. NORBLAD WILL SPEAK IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 15th ANNIVERSARY OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

held by the Eugene Kiwanis Club Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Gov-

## Radio Listeners Hear London Through Operator's Hands

New York. (P)—The hands of a young radio engineer, switching with the shocks of a high voltage electric current, were literally "hands across the sea."

Through them passed the current which enabled listeners in on 59 radio stations to hear the international program which linked Great Britain, Canada and the United States at the opening of the naval conference.

Just a few minutes before King George began the address of the conference, a member of the control room of the Columbia Broadcasting system tripped over the wires to the generator that energizes the entire network.

Harold Vivian, chief control operator, grasped the wires together in his hand to restore the circuit. Locks of current through his body to the floor shook his arms with spasms, but he held on without a break for 30 minutes until new wires could be connected.

## KIWANIS HEARS BEN FRANKLIN TALK ON THRIFT

High pressure salesmen, attractive window displays, bargain weeks and the dollar down and a dollar a week through eternity program are the greatest evils of thrift today, "Benjamin Franklin" (in person and costume) told the Kiwanis club Tuesday noon. Thrift week gives an opportunity to bolster up sales resistance against these evils, he said.

An idle dollar is as much a disgrace as an idle man, and every dollar should, every year, give birth to a baby called Sixt Per Cent, the speaker held. Thrift was described as a character builder. Money is obtained, Franklin declared, in three ways—earned, received as a gift or stolen. The advice was given to save while earning, invest the proceeds safely and conservatively and to let it grow to provide an income for old age or after the earning years have passed. Warning was given to avoid all projects for becoming suddenly rich.

Thrift was held a basic virtue and provided a background for judging relative values. The entire nation is organized to break down sales resistance and to assist the pedagogue. It is not necessary to be miserly to be thrifty, Franklin said.

## POISONED ALCOHOL DEFENDED IN HOUSE

Washington. (P)—Representative Crampton, republican, Michigan, a dry leader, asserted in the house today that enactment of a bill to eliminate the use of wood alcohol as a denaturant in industrial alcohol would "destroy" a highly important industry as well as destroy "provisional enforcement."

Mr. Crampton was discussing was introduced by representative Sirovich, Democrat, New York, and would eliminate all denaturants in industrial alcohol, except substances which he described as emetics. In a speech on the house floor recently Sirovich asserted that poison placed in alcohol was responsible for the loss of "thousands of lives."

## SAILORS ACCUSED OF KILLING MAN

Valley, Cal. (P)—Three sailors from the navy ship Orca were held on open charges Tuesday after A. J. Haskins, 70, died in a hospital from injuries received in a severe beating.

The sailors, H. R. Lane and W. M. Burke, were suspected by the police of having broken into the shack in which Haskins lived. A small savings bank containing a few coins and two shirts were found on the sailors. Whether the bank and the shirts had belonged to Haskins was not determined immediately.

Police said Lane and Burke had bloodstains on their clothing when arrested a short time after Haskins succumbed. A flashlight bearing navy insignia and showing bloodstains was found in Haskins' cabin.

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## VICTIM IDENTIFIES WOMAN SUSPECT

Phoenix, Ariz. (P)—Private Ernest Moore, Pennsylvania highway patrolman, Tuesday identified Mrs. Irene Schroeder as the woman who accompanied two men near Neweastle, Pa., last December 27 when they snatched a gun battle with himself and Corporal Brad Paul, killing Paul and wounding himself. The identification was made shortly after Moore's arrival here with four other authorities from Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Schroeder was in a police truck with several other women when Moore, with the other Pennsylvania officers, entered the jail. Moore pointed his finger at Mrs. Schroeder and said: "There she is!" "I am not," Mrs. Schroeder retorted.

## GOVERNMENT THERMOMETER IN ARMY PLANE

"The government should maintain a thermometer inside of Salem instead of taking the Salem temperature out in the country and broadcasting to the world that this is the Salem record," stated Dan J. Fry Tuesday.

"With thermometers all over town registering from 8 to 19 degrees above in Salem Monday morning, for instance, the official record showed two degrees below, while on Tuesday morning the official record showed five degrees below and the average Salem thermometer indicated around from six to eight degrees above.

"It doesn't reflect the temperature in Salem. It reflects the temperature out in the country on a windup record. If the government is after a record as to how cold it gets in the Willamette valley it could probably find a place even colder than the airport. I noticed the temperature at Eugene was given as 12 above, but it is likely places could be found outside the Eugene city limits where the thermometer was shown as low as it registered in Salem."

"What we wish to know is what the official thermometer records in Salem, not out in the country. The world gathers the idea from the record given that Salem is about the coldest place in the Willamette valley when as a matter of fact the temperature in the city is on about the par with that in other sections of the valley."

"Why isn't the thermometer placed on the federal building or some similar place so we can get an accurate idea of the general temperature in the city instead of going out in the coldest place that can be found in the vicinity and not even in the city limits at that, and record this as the temperature in Salem? This should be changed."

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## CATHLAMET FACES FREEZE AND FAMINE

Longview, Wash. (P)—Completely marooned from the outside world since Saturday, the little town of Cathlamet on the Columbia river, 26 miles from here, Tuesday faced a shortage of supplies if river steamers continue to be held away by ice and cold weather.

Official temperature there Tuesday was 20 below zero. The merchants reported their supplies very low and that there would be no deliveries of dairy cattle will be butchered if the steamers continue to be held away.

There are no railroads or year around highways into Wahkiakum county and no landing fields for airplanes. During the winter residents of the district depend entirely on river steamers on the Columbia for supplies.

The river steamer Wasco made a special trip to Cathlamet Saturday but since then no boats have been able to negotiate the ice-packed river. The only means of the outside world received by the village has been by radio or telephone, as no mail has gone in since Thursday.

## SAILORS IN WARSHIP FIRE

San Diego, Cal. (P)—Three sailors aboard the U. S. destroyer Tabot were injured seriously late Monday afternoon when caught in a blast of fire between decks. Those injured are Donald Dene Phillips, machinist mate, second class, 418 West Lincoln St., Hoopston, Ill.; Alexander Martinovich, gunner's mate, third class, 1224 West 52nd street, Chicago, Ill.; and Thomas Raymond Mullinix, seaman, second class, 522 South Wabash St., Wabash, Ind.

The three men were removed to the naval hospital, where it was said their condition is improving.

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## Teachers Divided on Merits of New Fad Of Home Rule Room

The summary of reports made by the 27 home room teachers shows a decided reaction, either favorably or unfavorably, in the question of whether the home room is proving a suitable addition to the high school organization. The "home room" idea was fostered by Principal Fred Wolfe and R. W. Tavenner, elementary supervisor, at the beginning of the past term, with each high school student assigned to one room for the first 15 minutes of each day. The assignments also hold sessions each Monday noon, when announcements are made and activities fostered.

One home room teacher emphatically declares, "The ten minutes in the morning is a total waste." Another home room teacher states just as decisively, "My idea of a home room is a place where pupils may collect their wits after the morning and noon rush, where they may be encouraged, advised, and assisted in their work and as to selection of courses and subjects; where by proper discussion and group reaction they may come to realize their place in the school and learn that kindly feeling should not exist between faculty and students; and where additional time might be spent in study."

A prevalence of opinion among the majority of teachers is that the "home room" is degenerating to just another club or high school organization. Teachers themselves use the Monday home room period for everything from checking up on the students' scholastic average, to having lectures on etiquette.

A number of miscellaneous suggestions have made made as how to occupy the students during the home room period. One teacher suggested that the students might read a book, another that they might study aviation, finger printing or stamp collecting. Mock trials, speakers, a contest featuring home room yells, quarts and choruses, run a home room column in the Clarion, or clean their lockers, are also listed by the teachers.

The summary of reports show that seven home room teachers regard a chairman or president as the logical method of handling home room organization, four teachers suggest more than one officer, two suggest a program committee for the home room, and one teacher would like to see the home room handled on the city government plan.

Suggestions for activities to be carried out by the home rooms are that the time be devoted to study (made by 12 teachers), basketball, programs, sale of tickets, other home rooms invited to visit, announcements of room or school activities, parliamentary drill, scrap books for Christmas gifts to children, an orchestra, or bicycle rides after school.

Topics for home room discussion range from etiquette, school or class spirit, activities of the school as a whole, personal speech, conduct in assembly and in classroom or throughout the school, requirements for graduation, and current events.

According to the summarization of the reports, the home room teachers should regard their home room periods as an opportunity for discipline, building right attitudes, creating good social atmosphere, placing students in existing clubs, or by individual conferences on how to study.

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