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BY LAW ROW STARS CONGRESS

SAFE CRACKERS BOTH AGREE TO PLEAD GUILTY

Two of Trio Who Appeared to Blow Mill Safe Waive Hearing

Second Captured in Portland; Third May Have Drowned in Mill Creek

John Miller Hoffee and James Earl West, two of the trio who attempted to blow the safe in the office of the Cherry City Milling company early Saturday morning, waived hearing when they appeared before Judge Brasler C. Small in justice court Monday. The men made a clean breast of the affair and indicated they would go before the circuit judge later in the week and enter a plea of guilty to a charge of burglary with explosives. Ball was fixed at \$2,500 each.

SWEET FAVORS ROOSEVELT FOR 1932 NOMINEE

New York (AP)—The New York Times, Monday quoted William E. Sweet, formerly governor of Colorado, as expressing the opinion that Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York would be acceptable to dry democrats as a presidential candidate in 1932.

Mr. Sweet, who has been a leader in prohibition movements in his own state, is visiting New York.

He said it was time for the dry democrats and democrats of the south to get together; otherwise Alfred E. Smith was likely to get the nomination again with no prospect of election.

Praising the administration of Governor Roosevelt, Mr. Sweet said: "Twice Governor Roosevelt has placed Governor Smith in nomination. Perhaps turn about would be fair play."

Mr. Sweet condemned democratic organization efforts in some parts of the south to discipline officials who bolted Smith.

BEND SAFECRACKER FAILS TO GET COIN

Bend (AP)—A safe blower who used nitro-glycerine failed to show a profit on his operations here Sunday morning when the safe in the Troy laundry was blown.

A combination lock on the inner door of the safe baffled the safecracker. Officers here believe the four attempts on the safe, two of which were successful, are the work of the same person. The combination on the inner door of the safe was installed after the third robbery attempt, and little money was in the safe Sunday morning when the fourth attempt was made.

The safe blower entered the laundry after prying the lock off the front door. He used nothing to deaden the shock of the nitro, blowing the safe door about 30 feet into the main laundry room.

MEXICAN PEONS BET \$250,000 ON RACE

Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico (AP)—The residents of Leon bet a quarter of a million dollars on a horse race, and the backers of Jesus Ramos, American-bred pony, Volcano, were \$125,000 richer as a result.

Good Evening! Sips for Supper

By DON UPJOHN

Chicago is reported to be bankrupt and 40,000 public employees haven't received their last pay check. Well, if there are enough guns to go around they should be able to make it during the winter until some more bonds are sold.

Having been asked no less than a hundred times when the present winter is going to break, we publicly predict that we look for a green St. Patrick's day.

RESPIRATORY HYGIENE
Ernie Miller was talking to Charlie Archer Saturday. "Do you ever play golf?" Ernie asked Charlie. "Never have in my life," said Charlie. "I get my breathing exercises eating soup."

It's a good scheme. It also toughens up the other fellow's ear drums.

"What's the difference between democratic hard times and republican prosperity?" was a question Kenneth Bayne put to us on the street. Well, that's an idea. Just what is the difference?

We note in a current magazine, an article about a committee for the suppression of noise. We suggest it be exercised of the big noise in the Salem city council.

A party called us up on the phone last evening and not revealing his name, said he wanted us to know how much his wife appreciated Sips. He said she'd been sick in bed through a month and this column had been her medicine. "Thankie, lady. But some medicine is hard to take."

We have received several pomes on the Miller-Macy-Cat episode. The latest is from Doc Haley of the Miller's Beauty shop, whose girls bought the liver for the cat. But we'd need more said than Bert Macy collected to print these pomes.

"This is the first time in 20 years I've had to take a drink of water in the pulpit," said the Rev. Payne as he feverishly gulped some aqua while preaching yesterday. Under such circumstances we think the sermon should have been a washout.

LIMITATION OF BOND ELECTIONS HELD ILLEGAL

Portland (AP)—A question as to the constitutionality of the law passed by the last legislature allowing only property owners and taxpayers to vote on bond issues was raised here Monday by the Multnomah county commissioners. District Attorney Myers stated that in his opinion there was "a very grave doubt" as to the law's constitutionality.

The question was put to Myers by the commissioners when the proposed new Fremont bridge was discussed. A delegation waited upon the commissioners last week asking that the bond issue for this improvement be put on the ballot at the May primary election.

Myers in a lengthy written opinion filed with the commissioners Monday advised that "before any proposition for a bond issue or a special tax levy is submitted for a vote in the county a test case be arranged to obtain a supreme court decision as to whether the power to vote on such questions is reserved by the constitution to the legal voters of the county or whether the legislature may by statute limit such power to the taxpayers as is attempted by said law."

The district attorney declared that such a decision would be necessary, "before any bond attorney of standing would pass on the validity of any bond issue authorized."

Hog Fuel Price Jumps To \$6; Company Loses 38 Cents on New Basis

The Spaulding Logging company Monday morning announced an increase in hog fuel price from \$5 to \$6 a unit with the statement that at that price the company is furnishing the fuel at a loss. With over 250 hog fuel and sawdust burners operating in the city in addition to industrial plants the situation has become an acute one for a large number of families.

CENSORSHIP OF NEWS PLANNED FOR HI SCHOOL

Wolf Plans Publicity Bureau to Prepare Handouts for Newspapers

Capital Journal News of Sleeping Classes and Home Room Cause

If present plans materialize the Salem high school officials will in the near future create a publicity bureau through which all news of the high school will pass for final censorship before being released to the local papers. Principal Fred Wolf, when questioned Monday morning concerning the contemplated change in news sources, said that arrangements would not be made for such a change until after the close of the present school term, January 31.

The bureau will follow the practice of the Portland schools where, according to Mr. Wolf, news can be obtained only through one major source and only after being checked by a responsible person. At the present time, high school news is secured by interviewing the individual teachers, students, and administrative officials.

The move comes as the result of a letter from the Oregon Education Association.

BRIEF FILED BY HILL RAILROAD FOR EXTENSION

Washington (AP)—The Great Northern and Western Pacific railroads Monday filed their joint brief with the Interstate Commerce Commission, seeking permission to build a 200-mile railroad to unite the rails of the two systems. Greater service to western America over more than 38,000 miles of rails is claimed by the carriers to be their aim.

In investment only one half of one percent of the capital already tied up in the two systems will be required, the brief states, in uniting the lines by building the road from Kedzie, Calif., to Klamath Falls, Ore.

The brief continues: "While we do not know what the future has in store we do know that there is a huge volume of traffic moving over the Southern Pacific's north and south coast routes. We know that this traffic is regularly and rapidly increasing, first, because of natural growth of the territory and its enterprises, second, because of increasing production, and consumption of California perishables and third, because of rapid shift of manufacture and distribution from eastern points to the Pacific coast."

"It is conceded that this traffic will necessitate double tracking of the Southern Pacific line within 12 or 15 years, and we think it is shown that the double tracking will be required at a much earlier date. The cost of this double tracking would be more than three times that of the proposed new line and would not furnish many of the latter's advantages. The new line would be of particular benefit in times of war, regarded merely as an added facility, and because of its greater distance from the coast, would be better protected from enemy raids. These conditions establish public convenience and necessity of the highest order and in themselves alone justify the construction of the proposed line."

SPENT \$50,000 ON FORMER WAITRESS

Muncie, Ind. (AP)—W. P. Noffsinger, a former preacher and secretary of the Tri-County Mutual Protective association, was held in jail here Monday, pending a grand jury investigation of charges that he spent more than \$50,000 of the association's funds on lavish gifts to Mrs. Margaret Shaffer, formerly a waitress in a restaurant at Indianapolis. He has a wife and five children.

Noffsinger is alleged to have purchased for Mrs. Shaffer, a restaurant, a home and two automobiles. The restaurant was the one where she was employed when she met Noffsinger.

Prisoner Saws Way From Jail; Sheriff Waiting

La Grande (AP)—R. M. Baker, 27, in jail here on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, spent Saturday and Sunday nights patiently sawing his way from his cell. Early Monday after severing the last bar he was a free man for the moment. It took him to drop from the window into the waiting arms of Sheriff Jesse Breubers.

The sheriff heard him sawing during the night and went around to the cell window where he also waited with patience.

Police here say Baker is wanted in Portland on white slave charges, and is wanted in Pendleton and Walla Walla. He has served two terms in McNeil Island.

NATION WIDE PHONE TRUST PROBE ASKED

Washington (AP)—A plea for a nationwide investigation of the American Telephone & Telegraph company with a view to setting up federal regulation of rates and procedure was presented to the senate interstate commerce committee Monday. The specific situation for which the inquiry was asked is on the Pacific coast, but the western representatives agreed that congress should go into the investigation on a national scale.

Dion R. Holm, retained by the city and county of San Francisco as the rate attorney to represent San Francisco before the state railroad commission in the telephone dispute, and Charles L. Smith, city attorney of Seattle, were the witnesses.

Smith and Holm also represented the telephone investigation league of America, embracing the cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Oregon City, Tacoma, Oakland and Fresno.

All of these cities are served by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, controlled by the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and all maintain that telephone rates should be investigated in a manner which state commissions have found impossible because the A. T. & T. is not required to submit its statistics to states.

The league of California municipalities also joined the fight with a letter from Milton Bryan, chairman of the special committee on the money affairs of the city.

FORMER KAISER 71 YEARS OF AGE

Doorn, Holland (AP)—Former Kaiser Wilhelm, for more than eleven years in exile, celebrated the 71st anniversary of his birthday quietly Monday.

He attended divine service with his family in the morning. His staff and servants also were present and later he received their congratulations. During the day the Hohenzollern flag floated on the castle and over the entrance gate.

The former monarch then occupied the time reading hundreds of telegrams and letters from admirers while flowers arrived in profusion from many sources.

The former crown prince and princess, Princess Adelbert, Prince August Wilhelm and the Duke and Duchess of Hesse, who arrived Saturday night for the birthday festival, took lunch and dinner Sunday with the former kaiser. There were no other guests.

Dr. Hutchins Dead
Ann Harbor, Mich. (AP)—Funeral services for Dr. Harry Burns Hutchins, president emeritus of the University of Michigan, will be held here Tuesday. Burial will be in Forest Hills cemetery here. Dr. Hutchins, who was 83, died Saturday following a stroke of apoplexy.

BRITAIN STOPS CONSTRUCTION TWO CRUISERS

Cancels Building of Latest Designed Warships As Example of Faith

Limitation of Fleets and Settlement of Italian Contention Debated

London (AP)—As the naval powers moved toward compromise Monday on two of their most troublesome problems—the physical methods of limiting fleets and Italy's demand for parity with France—Great Britain made a new gesture of faith in the naval conference success by announcing that construction of her two newest cruisers has been cancelled.

The British announcement coincided with a meeting of the "Big Five" in Downing street at which further progress was said to have been made toward a compromise on the perennial argument on this technical phase of naval limitation.

At the same time it was disclosed that serious consideration was being given by several delegations to a proposal that the Italian parity problem be met by a treaty declaration in which all powers would join. This would state that the sovereign right of every nation to build an adequate fleet was fully recognized but that the signatories voluntarily agreed not to exceed a certain tonnage.

BIG BUSINESS TO DICTATE IN CHICAGO MESS

Chicago (AP)—Big business, it appeared Monday, will dictate when and how the red ink on Chicago's ledgers is erased.

Confronted with a "rescue committee" take-it-or-leave-it attitude in regard to the \$20,000,000 pool to relieve one bankrupt condition of the city, county and schools, politicians foresaw the day—probably this week—when they will acquiesce to outside dictation on how to administer the money affairs of the city.

One counter move to the "rescue committee" headed by Silas Strawn, was underway, H. Wallace Caldwell, president of the school board and an appointee of Mayor William Hale Thompson, advanced a plan to oust the Strawn committee with one made up of four public officials, himself included, and the same number of citizens to supervise expenditures of the Strawn committee.

Caldwell nominated James Simpson, head of Marshall Field & Company, as chairman, Simpson, already a member of the Strawn committee, refused to comment.

Caldwell gave as his reason for the "ouster" committee that public officials "never will cooperate with the Strawn committee."

PANTAGES FILES BRIEFS FOR APPEAL

Los Angeles (AP)—The appeal of Alexander Pantages to his conviction on a charge of having assaulted 17 year old Eunice Pringle, a co-ed dancer, was submitted to the second district court of appeals Monday.

Briefs in the case will be filed later. No oral arguments will be given to support the appeal.

Double Minimum Charges for Water Multiply Profits

By HARRY N. CRAIN

How many hundreds or, perhaps, thousands of dollars the Oregon-Washington Water Service company is collecting in "unearned" revenues from the people of Salem through the assessment of "double" or "triple" minimum charges upon meter service would be pertinent matter for investigation by the state public service commission particularly in view of the fact that it is under the company's application of the rules and regulations of the commission that these charges are imposed and collected.

The theory upon which imposition of these multiplied minimum charges for meter service is authorized is that of preventing some water users from connecting multiple sets of plumbing equipment to a single meter, permitting two or more consumers to split a single minimum charge in discrimination against other persons who were compelled to pay the same minimum charge alone.

But the theory, like most other theories, is susceptible to strange theories. It is susceptible to strange theories.

THAW STARTS AS MERCURY RISES TO 40 DEGREES

The thaw, for which Salem and the entire central section of the valley has been praying since sub-freezing temperatures settled down on the community three weeks ago, was definitely under way Monday afternoon with the temperature hovering around 40 above and the sun shining brightly.

At noon the official thermometer registered 38 degrees, the highest point reached in a month, and instruments in the downtown section were recording as high as 42 degrees.

Snow in the streets and on house and building roofs was melting off in swilling streams that filled the gutters and sent creeks roaring toward the flood stage. In the business section, where most of the snow had been scraped and hauled away, the paving was becoming exposed in ever-increasing patches.

The streets were sloppy, but the sidewalks were drying rapidly. From some quarters reports came of flooding basements, due to frozen roof gutters and drains so blocked with ice that they could not carry off the water that gathered under the eaves on the ground. With the thawing also came added reports of frozen water pipes disintegrating.

AD CLUBS OF COAST MEETING

Portland (AP)—Barber F. Davis of Spokane, executive secretary of the Pacific advertising clubs association, said Monday at the opening of the three-day convention of the organization, that "radio advertising has not cut into the revenue of other mediums to as great an extent as alarmists declare."

Instead of cutting down expenditures on other branches of advertising, Davis said, the business man has increased his budget to take care of radio publicity.

The sensational type of advertising copy, featuring cut-rate bargains, Davis said, is disappearing in favor of publicity that sets forth the general merits of the products of the company.

Among those who attended the morning meeting of directors were: Raymond P. Kelley, Spokane, president; Mrs. Josephine Wice, Los Angeles; Arthur Burch, Spokane, secretary-treasurer; J. F. Cudiff, Walla Walla, and H. B. Robinson, Portland.

Representatives of 24 Pacific coast advertising clubs will attend the convention.

ENFORCEMENT HELD FOOTBALL OF POLITICIANS

Wheeler and Borah Demand Removal of Idaho-Montana Chief

Mitchell Pleads for Enforcement of Changes Suggested in Laws

Washington (AP)—The prohibition controversy was revived Monday and spread over a wider front. The White House, the senate and Attorney General Mitchell figured in the new developments, while dramatics entered into the controversy with charges of political machinations in prohibition enforcement personnel.

As Senator Burton K. Wheeler, democrat, Montana, was asserting in the senate that prohibition is being made a political football, W. C. Deming, civil service commissioner, was protesting to the house expenditures committee that the pending Williamson bill would lessen the influence of civil service on appointment of the prohibition personnel.

Attorney General Mitchell preceded Deming on the stand, taking the position that more laxity should be allowed in the selection of personnel.

RETALIATION IS THREATENED BY MANILA GANGS

Manila (AP)—Anti-Filipino riots in California, which have caused wide spread discussions in Manila, Monday had brought threats from Manila gangster chieftains against American consuls. Authorities, however, gave prompt assurance that consuls were in no danger and measures would be taken to prevent any retaliatory outbreaks.

Police Chief C. E. Pitts announced that precautions were being taken to guard consulates and strategic points in the city where isolated attacks were possible against individuals but expressed confidence that there would be no outbreaks. Labor leaders joined in the assurances.

The Philippine Herald, leading nationalist daily, reported that chieftains of Manila gangs had already held several "conferences" and that cooperation in their "vindictive" plan had been decided upon. Soldiers and sailors were to be the special object of the gangsters' attention, the paper said.

The chamber of commerce of the Philippines, a Filipino organization, adopted a resolution of protest against the recent anti-Filipino disturbance at Watsonville, Cal., during which a Filipino was killed. Several other student and civic groups also plan protest meetings.

AEGEAN SEA ISLES DAMAGED BY QUAKE

Athens (AP)—Many houses collapsed yesterday on the islands of Psara and Anti-Psara in the Aegean Sea, during a violent earthquake. There were big cracks in other buildings.

Inhabitants were panic-stricken, and deserted their homes for the open country. No loss of life was reported.

Excuses of Company Feature Water Probe By State Commission

The Oregon-Washington Water Service company came under the surveillance of the state public service commission a little less than a year after that company took over the plant from the Salem Water, Light & Power company.

The present owners of the plant had taken over the plant in the middle of 1927. It was on June 4, 1928, that the public service commission served notice on the company that it had investigated conditions relative to the operations of the company in the Salem district and found that sufficient grounds existed to warrant the commission's instituting a formal investigation on its own motion, to determine whether the rates, rules, regulations, practices and service of the company were unjust, unreasonable or discriminatory. For the benefit of the uninformed explanation is made that to institute a proceeding on its own motion means that the commission begins the investigation without being petitioned to do so by the public or by some municipality or organization.