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11 DIE FROM ALCOHOL POISONING

HOP GROWERS DISCUSS NEW MARKET CODE

Third Annual Session Opens With Attendance Smaller
Growth In Memberships Noted; Banquet Scheduled Tonight

Hop growers of the state gathered here today for the third annual convention of their association, but with indications of a slimmer attendance than two years ago when hops were soaring around 75 cents. Yet they came at a time when feverish activity was marking progress of the market with over 4600 bales sold the past week, but at around 10 and 11 cents, rather than at the 60 and 75 cents when the association was getting underway.

OREGON WOMAN KILLED IN SOUTH

Redding, Cal., Dec. 8 (AP)—Driving a car bearing Ohio license plates, a man and woman were killed late Friday when their automobile failed to negotiate a sharp turn in the Redding-Alturas highway 50 miles east of here and dropped 40 feet over an embankment. The woman was believed to be Mrs. Claire Craig, 40, Suttle Lake, Ore., resort owner. Authorities said her companion was either A. J. Holbrook, 2979 Dayton Ave., Cincinnati, under whose name the car was registered, or B. Mariett, 1217 Carroll Ave., Los Angeles, the name and address given on letters found in his pockets.

FOUR LOSE LIVES IN TENEMENT FIRE

New York, Dec. 8 (AP)—Four persons lost their lives in a fire which swept a five-story tenement house at 124-126 Willis avenue, the Bronx, early today.
Four persons were injured, one, a 70-year-old crippled woman, so seriously she may die.
The dead were: Mrs. Catherine Gibson, 36, her two sons, John, 7, and Lawrence, 2, and Mrs. Minnie Johnson, 67, all of whom lived on the fifth floor. Death was caused by burns and suffocation.
Mrs. Lillian De Sens, the crippled woman, was carried down a ladder by firemen.
The tenants were forced out into the bitter cold, and water poured on the building quickly was transformed into ice, hampering the firemen.

Interstate Bridge Protest Renewed

Portland, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Portland chamber of commerce has renewed its opposition to the proposed interstate bridge across the Columbia river at Astoria.
The board of directors of the chamber voted yesterday to oppose the project and to send its chairman to Washington, D. C., to attend the bridge hearing Dec. 18.
The chamber directors held that the span would constitute a permanent hazard to shipping and would handicap the development of the river.

Good Evening!

Sips for Supper
By DON UPJOHN
A man about town you all know was telling us this a.m. that he made record time from Salem to Portland in his automobile yesterday. Some day he'll try it and make wreckered time, also.

Incidentally, referring to motor vehicles, a kind lady suggested yesterday while Doug McKay is pondering whether to sign the banty ordinance or no, that he have incorporated therein motor trucks, motorcycles, et cetera, which tear through town full blast early each a.m., and drown out the banty's feeble crow.
Thanks, some of you elevator girls, for following our suggestion and getting the mistletoe sprigs in place for the holiday festivities. We're sorry, however, that our cold of late date has caused us to spray mentholatum all over our mustache parking space. And anyone knows who knows anything that mentholatum and mistletoe don't mix.

Our dear friend, Jimmy Nelson of the high school factory, offers a suggestion for the house renovating committee that they read up on Mark Twain. He suggests for their lesson today that incident re-counted by Mark of the chap who found an old knife. First he put in a new blade, then added a new handle, and after which he declared "See, it's just as good as a new knife."

IVY EATS THIS WEEK

"Mrs. George Keppinger bro't a cluster of ripe red raspberries to The Star office yesterday morning, on which were eight ripe berries and several green ones. They were grown in her garden. This is very unusual for this time of year, it is said. They looked mighty good." Gervais Star. It may be unusual for raspberries to grow in gardens down Gervais way, as Ivy says, but they sometimes do hereabouts.
Execution of 200 by the Bolsheviks in Russia makes us wish some of the folks who wish they were in Russia had had their wish fulfilled.
Men of the Salem Breakfast club will entertain their wives and et cetera females at the next meeting Friday morning. That's a foxy move on the part of some of the husbands. It's one day they won't have to serve the wife's breakfast to her in bed.
After getting that one off our chest we've decided it's just as well we don't go home at all today but get invited out somewhere for lunch downtown.

NO GROUNDS FOR HOLMAN-MEIER ROW

Portland, Ore., Dec. 8 (AP)—There are no grounds for the latest Governor Meier-State Treasurer Holman flare-up over the proposed Mulkey building transfer case. Portland realtors said today.
K. C. Soule, of Sliver, Soule and Thorselsen, building managers, said he couldn't "see why the agitation has ever started." He pointed out that the building will revert to the state only upon the expiration of the life interest of Marshall A. Armstrong, its present owner, whom he described as "hale and hearty" and "should live for years yet."

Articles Filed For Distillery Plant To Make Beverages Here

Brandies, wines and fruit concentrates will be manufactured in Salem if plans of organizers of the Columbia Distilleries, Inc., for which articles of incorporation were filed today, are carried out. Headquarters for the distillery would be in Salem. Capital stock would be \$50,000. Incorporators are Willis Rounseville, John E. Wood and George G. Celis, all of Portland.
John E. Wood has spent considerable time during the past summer investigating possible locations for such a plant. Hood River and The Dalles were considered but discarded in favor of Salem because of the source of raw products is greater here and also more varied.
Local people were interviewed by Wood and his associates in search of local capital for the enterprise. That he apparently has met with success

GRAND JURY CALLED TO INVESTIGATE DEATH OF COLONEL BALDWIN

Prosecutor Resents Editorial Criticism of Conduct in Case
Replying to editorial criticism in the Capital Journal last night of his action in absolving from responsibility the driver of the automobile which Wednesday evening ran down and killed Colonel A. J. Baldwin, District Attorney William H. Trindle today notified the editor of the Journal that he is calling the Marion county grand jury to meet here next Wednesday morning to investigate the accident.
Notification of calling the grand jury is contained in a letter to the editor in which Trindle invited the editor "to be present and present any evidence you may have, or the names of any witnesses within your knowledge which may tend to disclose to the grand jury a violation of the law."
The district attorney makes reference to alleged charges "of a violation of the law" made in the Capital Journal editorial and volunteers the services of a state police officer to the Capital Journal to assist the paper in running down any rumor or in securing any evidence of a violation of the law by the driver of the death car.
In its editorial the Capital Journal made no charges of violation of the law, other than asserting a

POST CLAIMS HE BROKE RECORD

Bartlesville, Okla., Dec. 8 (AP)—Wiley Post, stocky globe girdling flier, believed today he had added the world's altitude record for a heavier-than-air craft to his flying laurels with several thousand feet to spare.
He made his second hop into the stratosphere here yesterday and upon landing expressed the belief he had reached an altitude of at least 50,000 feet in his remodeled "Winnie Mae," the ship in which he twice flew around the world.
The present world record at 47,352 feet is held by Lieut. Renato Donati of Italy. The barograph of Post's flight was sent to Washington where official certification is expected to be announced within five days.
Post's altimeter failed to function above 40,000 feet. Estimates of the highest altitude reached were based upon three points: the rate of yumb indicator, which showed a steady ascent of 1,000 feet a minute; the elapsed time of this climb; and the corroborative evidence of the tachometer, or engine revolution speed gauge.
A new record of high speed appeared again by Post's latest attempt. He estimated that at the top of his climb he was hurtling through the air at between 350 and 375 miles per hour.
Screaming and whining past the wings of the Winnie Mae raged a stratospheric wind, the velocity of which the flier estimated at about 200 miles per hour.

LIQUOR TAX CUT SEEMS DOOMED

Washington, Dec. 8 (AP)—The drive to cut liquor taxes has suffered a blow from the treasury.
Substituting for Secretary Morgenthau in a radio speech last night, Arthur J. Meillet, deputy commissioner of internal revenue, said: "Some people think the federal tax ought to be reduced. Their argument is that this will stop bootlegging. My feeling is that we have made big inroads on bootlegging with the present tax rates and that eventually we shall come close to stopping it entirely."
"From the standpoint of an efficient enforcement of the revenue laws, I see no imperative need for lowering the federal tax at this time."
The tax on domestic liquor is \$2 a gallon.
Meillet estimated liquor and beer in repeal's first year brought \$400,000,000 in taxes to the treasury and said this income was increasing.
He hoped congress would appropriate money to increase protection for dry states, of which there are 13.

Lumber Production Slumps Off Sharply

Seattle, Dec. 8 (AP)—Production of 548 Oregon and Washington mills, which reported to the West Coast Lumbermen's association during the week ending December 1, totaled 75,079,746 board feet, about 9,400,000 under the preceding week.
Average production of the mills in 1934 has been 78,558,144 feet weekly, and for the same period last year 77,286,440 feet.
New business reported was 75,805,722 feet, against production of 75,079,748 and shipments of 70,691,039. Shipments were under production 5.9 percent, current sales over production 1 percent.
Orders booked were under the preceding week by 4,560,590 feet, or approximately 5.3 percent.

State Saves Huge Sum On Alesia Bridge

A saving to the state of more than \$50,000 in connection of the Alesia coast highway bridge was effected through change in plans upon which PWA approval was obtained by C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer, he announced here today upon his return from the national capital.
McCullough said that following the awarding of the contract, PWA officials at Washington ordered changes in the foundations and specified the use of steel sheet piling around the piers.
The state highway department, however, requested the use of concrete bar rip rap, which proposal was protested by the eastern engineers.
The highway department was adamant in its request and sent McCullough (Concluded on page 8, column 7).

WINTRY SPELL BEGINS RETREAT

The wintry blast that left at least fifteen deaths in its wake appeared to be moderating today.
Rising temperatures were promised for much of the area affected by the storm, which overpowered the northern states from the Rockies to the Midwest and finally enveloped the east.
Before the indicated relief appeared, however, thermometers registered as low as 24 below at Rochester, Minn., and ten below at Owl's Head, in upper New York state. At Galena, Ill., where roses and pussy willows were in bloom in November, the mercury dropped down to 14 below zero.
Meanwhile the stricken sections took stock of their loss of lives. Michigan counted seven victims five of whom were burned to death when stoves became overheated. A sixth died in an accident while shoveling snow, and a slippery road mishap took another life.
Three men were killed and a woman badly injured when a tree came crashing down on a motor bus on the western slope of Snoqualmie pass in Washington.
Illinois had at least one death for which the storm was blamed when an automobile skidding on an icy pavement killed Charles Jones, at Harvard, Ill.
Two deaths were recorded in Iowa. One of the victims, W. A. Puffer, 82, a farmer of Oto, apparently froze to death while walking in his sleep. A coroner's investigation came to the conclusion that he removed the screen from his bedroom window, climbed out and then walked about a mile before he succumbed to the cold.

YUGOSLAVIA HAS FRENCH BACKING

Geneva, Dec. 8 (AP)—France and Italy took opposing sides today in the potentially dangerous political and territorial dispute between Yugoslavia and Hungary. Great Britain assumed the role of neutrality.
The Balkan conflict brought before the League of Nations council amid talk of war, resolved itself into a dispute over revision of the post-war treaties by which Hungary—as well as Austria and Germany—lost territory in formation of the new Danubian states. Hungary has been charged with a terrorist campaign, such as the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia, designed to revise the treaties.
"The lineup before the council today: France, through Foreign Minister Pierre Laval, placed himself squarely on the side of Yugoslavia, which brought the charges of terrorist responsibility against Hungary. Laval indicated that Hungary, under the league covenant, was indirectly guilty of aggression against Yugoslavia and called for international solidarity and action against terrorism. Czechoslovakia, Turkey and other Balkan entente nations support this stand.
Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 8 (AP)—Charges of mistreatment at the hands of Serbian police marked the arrival today of more Hungarian refugees expelled hurriedly from Yugoslavia.
The forced exodus of Hungarian residents as a reprisal for assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia, reached a total of 2,908 with arrival of 90 more refugees at three (Concluded on page 7, column 6)

FIND \$30,000 RANSOM COIN IN FRUIT JARS

Cache Discovered by Federal Agents in Brush On Lewis River
Total of \$124,000 Out of \$200,000 Paid For Ransom Recovered
Washington, Dec. 8 (AP)—The discovery of an additional \$30,000 of the Urschel ransom money near Portland, Ore., was announced today by the department of justice.
Details of the discovery were withheld.
The amount found yesterday makes the total recovered \$124,000 out of the \$200,000 ransom.
Besides the \$44,000 which has been found in Oregon, \$30,000 was recovered some time ago at Paradise, Tex.
As rapidly as the money is found, the department is turning it over to the family.
The department said today there is little likelihood that the full \$200,000 ever would be recovered. Much of it is believed to have been spent in the vicinity of St. Paul.
Portland, Dec. 8 (AP)—Federal agents revealed here today that another \$30,000 of ransom money paid for the release of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma millionaire, had been found in a cache on the banks of the Lewis river in Washington.
Six fruit jars contained the \$20 ransom bills. The cache was cunningly hidden in the brushy country and the officers did not reveal the steps they had taken in locating the kidnappers' treasure.
The find was made by special agents of the department of justice a few hours after Alvin H. Scott and (Concluded on page 8, column 5)

HERMIT HELD FOR DEATH



Hugo Mayer, 52, strange recluse of the wild country of southwestern Oregon, who faces a murder charge for the slaying of Robert Frantz, a neighboring mountaineer. For nearly 30 years a legendary figure in the Curry county mountains, Mayer dressed in skins of animals he trapped for a living. Police say he believed Frantz was plotting his death. He is in jail at Grants Pass. (Associated Press photo).

Mayer Paves Way For Plea of Self Defense In Signed Statement

Grants Pass, Dec. 8 (AP)—Apparently intending to present a plea of justifiable homicide, Hugo Mayer, 52, hermit of the craggies, today admitted again in a signed statement to the Daily Courier that he had killed Robert Frantz, lower Illinois river valley rancher, but struck from a manuscript several statements and reworded others attributed to him at a questioning by District Attorney Sherman S. Smith and state police.
In an interview Saturday he also combated the legendary stories of his reputed peculiar habits, and appeared more and more an experienced woodsman who uses nature for his own advantage instead of the "revert" which Gold Bench correspondents suggested he might be.
Presented with a typed resume of his testimony released after the hearing by the district attorney, Mayer struck out a number of statements attributed to him.
The following is taken from the statements as finally signed by the (Concluded on page 8, column 6)

\$10,000 VERDICT AGAINST BEST

A verdict of \$10,000 was returned by a jury in Judge McMahon's court this morning in the \$25,000 damages action of Edna Ball against J. H. Best for injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Gervais December 3, 1933. The jury went out after lunch yesterday, was out all night and returned with its verdict about 11 o'clock this morning. The verdict awarded \$1000 as special damages and \$9000 as general damages. Charles A. Lytle was foreman of the jury.
Mrs. Ball charged that her injuries were such she was permanently disabled and that because of fractured vertebrae she was compelled to wear a brace. She stated she suffered continuous headaches and that her retire system was shocked.
Monterey, Cal., Dec. 8 (AP)—The drink Donna Nadon, 23, professional dancer, waved so gaily over the heads of patrons of the Blue Ox Cafe was poison—deadly cyanide of potassium—patrons who saw the girl drain the draught learned today.
Amid the laughter and the bright lights of the night club the former Seattle girl passed from table to table, teasingly holding out the cup in her hand but refusing to let any one drink from it.
Jack Hicks, a patron, tried to wrest it from her hand. Before he could reach the glass the girl dancer drank its contents.
A little later she collapsed and two hours after that she died in Monterey hospital.

DRAMATIC DEATH FOR DONNA NADON

Army engineers who have been in the field making a survey for the gigantic flood control program it is hoped to put on in the Willamette valley, "to save what is left of the valley," as the slogan of the Willamette Valley Flood Control association goes, are nearly through with their task, according to a letter received by the county court here today from D. O. Woodworth, Linn county judge, president of the organization.
As soon as the engineers have their job done it will be coordinated with the aerial survey and photographic map made under the supervision of the association, and the associations will also have their report and data together, the entire mass of data to be available when congress meets. At that time an effort will be made to put over fed-

OTHERS MADE ILL DRINKING RANK POISON

Portland Police Kept On Jump From Calls From Rooming Houses

Victims All Warned by Poison Labels Stuck On Bottles

Portland, Dec. 8 (AP)—Eleven men had died, one dying and several others were critically ill today from drinking poisoned denatured alcohol in Portland's waterfront district. Nearly all the victims were found in cheap north end lodging houses. All were men. One or two of them, police said, might have died from natural causes, but the poisonous wood alcohol was believed to have accounted for the deaths of the majority.
One emergency hospital attendant said "we are picking them up like flies." Duplication of calls for emergency aid and for removal of bodies caused considerable confusion as police tried to determine the number of actually dead.
Detectives believed they had traced the source of the poisonous liquor sales to a north end drug store which, they said, dealt largely in (Concluded on page 8, column 1)

DYNAMITE USED IN CAR STRIKE

Los Angeles, Dec. 8 (AP)—A stick of dynamite was found today on the tracks of the strike-harried Los Angeles street railway shortly after two trolley cars had collided in another section of the city.
According to police, a pedestrian found the dynamite resting squarely on the rails. A street car passing over it would have been blown to bits, it was said.
Thirteen persons were treated at hospitals for injuries received in the trolley collision.
L. A. Garman, a motorman, suffered a skull fracture and was not expected to live. Other crew members and passengers escaped with lesser hurts.
Police said the collision had no connection with the current street car and bus strike.

HOUSING DRIVE MAKES REPORT

The total value of bank loans made so far by Salem banks in connection with the Marion County Housing committee's drive under the national housing act is \$18,318, says the latest check by the executive committee. The total number of loans made for house alterations is 65.
Some idea of the activity of the committee can be gained by a table of statistics prepared and made public today.
The statement shows that 2576 pieces of literature have been distributed by the committee. Persons passing through the old building on the court house lawn, now in process of renovation, number 3782.
A total of 3700 inches in advertising and publicity matter has been published in Salem papers, and pictures used total 500 inches. Sixty-three radio talks on housing have been given and 42 talks have been made before service clubs and other groups.
A check on building permits were issued, valued at \$44,593, as against 159 permits and \$38,400 for the same period last year. For the first 11 months of this year permits have been 89 per cent more than last year and 42 1/2 per cent more than in 1932.
Statistics relative to the better (Concluded on page 7, column 6)

JAPAN ACCUSES ARIZONA MEN

Tokyo, Dec. 8 (AP)—Charges that authorities in Arizona were not attempting in good faith to end the bombings of Japanese homes in the Salt River district were made today in the house of peers.
An interpellator, Jushu Tamamura, declared: "The fact that not a single arrest has been made since the troubles began indicates they have no real intention to protect the Japanese."
"Not all Americans are uncivilized, but some of them are barbarous."
Foreign Minister Koki Hirota, speaking in soothing terms said government intends to call attention again to the Arizona situation at Washington, and may ask damages.
Repeated attacks, said Hirota, "are arousing some doubts in my mind."

Report of Engineers On Flood Control Program For Valley Due Shortly

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