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STATE LIQUOR FINES AMOUNT TO \$87,684

State Prohibition Director Cleaver Files Report.

FINANCE HINDERANCE

35 Stills Confiscated; Astoria Officials Are Criticized for Lack of Cooperation.

SALEM, Dec. 17.—Activities of the state prohibition department, created by an act of the 1923 legislature, have resulted in fines amounting to \$87,684.44, according to a report prepared by George L. Cleaver, state prohibition director.

The report indicates that state officers confiscated 4858 gallons of liquor and 35 stills. Automobiles confiscated from alleged liquor runners totaled 23.

In addition to the large number of private operators arrested by the prohibition department during the last eight months, four officers have been prosecuted and convicted.

The first so-called county campaign of law enforcement attempted by the state prohibition department was in Coos county last May.

The next offensive was at Newport. The activities in the coast town resulted in 37 cases, 16 of which will have the attention of the courts there during the February term.

At Bend the operatives arrested 33 persons, practically all of the offenders receiving the most drastic fines and jail sentences allowed under the present statutes.

Although a number of arrests were made at Astoria, Mr. Cleaver said the campaign was not as successful as he had hoped, due to the apparent indifference displayed by officers there.

"I will say," read Mr. Cleaver's report with relation to the activities at Astoria, "that the county officers, or at least several of them, are not in sympathy with our law enforcement programme, and co-operated by throwing our regular officers in jail."

"There are many officials in the state who are entirely out of sympathy with the enforcement of the prohibition statutes, and there are several of these men who are engaged in the business of bootlegging and moonshining, or have a partnership with law violators. This makes it exceedingly difficult to get evidence in some parts of the state."

Under the existing laws the department is limited to \$25,000 a year or \$2083.33 a month to meet all expenses. This appropriation allows for the employment of only four salaried operatives and maintenance of headquarters in Portland.

As a result of the small appropriation, Mr. Cleaver said in his report that it was not possible to investigate all complaints received at his office.

Assistance Is Given From Multnomah county.

SEAMEN TAKE CHANCE AND DEFEAT DEATH

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 17.—Chance won for seven men left aboard the ill-fated steamer C. A. Smith, which was driven ashore on the jetty. The chance was taken by the men at daylight when they lowered a lifeboat safely and made their way to the tug Oregon, which was standing by.

PACKED HOUSE GREET'S PROGRAM AT BELLVIEW

Play and Program Well Received; Event Is Excellent Financial Success.

The presentation of the comedy, "Christmas at Pumpkin Holler," by the P. T. association at Bellview school house Saturday evening was greeted with a capacity house and was well received.

The audience was held in an uproar from the opening to the close. A feature of the comedy, although not provided by the author was the dancing of the Highland fling by Mrs. Homer Barron, who played the part of Betty Perkins.

The double room at Bellview was specially decorated for the occasion under the direction of Carl Gotesche and presented a novel and beautiful appearance, calling for much favorable comment.

OREGON CHAMPION GOATS SEEKING STUMP LAND HOME

To what extent can and should goat production be increased in Oregon? The answer to that question will be considered at the economic conference to be held at the state college January 23 to 25.

WATKINS WOULD BAR ALL IMMIGRATION UNTIL 1929

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Suspension of all immigration until 1929 to provide time for the assimilation of all aliens now in the United States is provided in a bill introduced by Representative Watkins, democrat of Oregon.

ELKS' SHOW BEGINS TWO NIGHT RUN

"Ten Thousand Dollars" Will Prove Pretentious Offering.

50 PEOPLE IN CAST

Proceeds of Event Will Be Dispersed by Elks for Charity Purposes.

Tonight is the big night. And when "Ten Thousand Dollars" starts its two night run at the Vining theatre tonight, it is predicted that theatre patrons will agree it is worth every cent of the money.

Much has been said and written about the Elks show since rehearsals were started about two weeks ago, by C. J. McNaughtan, directing the production, and Henry Enders, Jr., chairman of the show committee.

With fifty people in the cast, plenty of pretty girls, attractive dance numbers, late song hits and a farce comedy that will bring laughter after laughter "Ten Thousand Dollars" will bid to please even the most critical theatre goer.

There are plenty of seats available for either tonight or tomorrow night. Patrons should phone the Vining theatre for reservations.

The Elks Pony Jazz chorus, the bevy of pretty girls as fashion models, the clever kiddies of "The Kiddies Fashion Parade," the featured soloists, and special act people are all up in their parts, and are eagerly waiting for the curtain.

SIX LOSE LIVES IN STATE INDUSTRIES

A total of 672 Accidents Are Reported in Oregon for Week.

SALEM, Dec. 17.—There were six fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending December 13, according to a report prepared here today by the state industrial accident commission.

HIGH SCHOOL BOOZE CASE IS DISMISSED

George Tucker, a former aide of County Prohibition Enforcement officer Same B. Sandefur, indicted by the last grand jury on two counts, charging possession and sale of intoxicating liquor, entered a plea of guilty in the circuit court, to the possession charge.

Tucker was given a sentence of 60 days in the county jail and fined \$100. He is still suffering from injuries received while driving a racing car at Salem last fall.

Blind Bantam and Flyweight Friend



Pete Herman and Al Pettengill.

A number of years ago when Pete Herman, former bantam-weight champion was a bootblack, the metal tip of a shoelace struck him in the eye.

Before that tragedy occurred, however, Herman discovered Al Pettengill, New Orleans boy, taught him all he knew about ring tactics, and started Al on the road to success as a flyweight.

Pettengill now acts as Herman's guide about the streets of New Orleans. He wants to get over big, he says, "for Pete's sake."

SPECIAL SERVICES BY SALVATION ARMY

Flags Presented Local Post by American Legion; New Recruits Added.

Services at the Salvation Army hall Saturday evening proved interesting and inspirational for those who attended and are interested in the work that is being done by the army here.

Colonel Scott presented an American flag and Salvation flag as the gift of the Ashland American Legion. He explained the principles and doctrines of the flags with a short ceremony.

Three children were to have been given to the Lord and dedicated to the Salvation Army, but on account of illness of two of the children, Billy O'Day was the only baby present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The House passed a resolution today adjourning congress from December 20 for the Christmas holidays.

LOST FROM STEAMER

Charles Prescott, pilot of the Tug Oregon, who lost his life in an attempt to effect a rescue of lives from the steamer C. A. Smith, was formerly an Ashland young man and was the youngest pilot on the Pacific Coast.

Prescott was 25 years old and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Prescott, of this city. No particulars have been received further than the fact that the steamer was driven ashore on the jetty at Marshfield and that Prescott was drowned in his attempt to effect a rescue of those on board.

G. W. Prescott, father of the drowned seaman left last night on No. 16 for Marshfield. The remains will likely be brought here for interment.

WOMAN IN HORRIBLE ACCIDENT

Car Goes Off Columbia River Highway—Driver Held Prisoner.

IS PAINFULLY BURNED

Dripping Battery Acid Burns Untill Shoulder Blades and Ribs Protrude.

ASTORIA, Dec. 17.—Mrs. George B. Demers, a resident of Seattle, was seriously, perhaps fatally burned as the result of one of the most harrowing accidents ever recorded in Oregon. While driving along the Columbia River highway, near Goble, her machine ran off the road, plunged over the embankment, overturning and pinning her underneath.

The accident occurred at a point where it was not easy for passing motorists to observe the overturned car at the foot of the steep bank and the woman was held prisoner for 12 hours before the accident was discovered and the unfortunate victim liberated.

While pinned under the car acid form the battery dripped onto her face and the upper part of her body and burned her until the shoulder blades protruded from the flesh and left some of her ribs bare.

Mrs. Demers is in critical condition and is expected to die.

CIVIL WAR INDICATED IN MEXICAN REPORTS

Reports Are Contradictory; Foreign Residents Leaving Mexico City.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—The International News Service says: Widely contradictory claims and reports are coming out of Vera Cruz and Mexico City relative to the recent revolution and course of events in that country.

Foreign residents are leaving Mexico City. Late report received by Tidings says:

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.—A civilian army number about 8,000 men is said to be gathered at the gateway of Mexico City awaiting orders to seize government arsenals and public buildings.

FRAUD IS ALLEGED BY HOLLYWOOD MAN

YKEKA, Dec. 17.—W. Martin of Hollywood, arrested here and held for Medford, Oregon authorities on a technical charge of fraud and false pretenses, was released on \$1,000 bonds and today left for his home, saying he would fight extradition to Oregon.

Martin is alleged to have misrepresented matters in selling \$5,000 worth of shares to a Medford business man, whose name has not been learned here.

WILLIAMS A MEMBER PLATFORM COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Ralph C. Williams, republican national committeeman for Oregon and vice-chairman of the national committee, is a member of the committee on arrangements for the national convention next year, which will necessitate his making several trips between Portland and Cleveland before next June.

He also is a member of the platform committee, composed of 57 leading republicans in all parts of the United States who are to receive platform suggestions to be submitted to the convention platform committee.

THE WEATHER Report for December 16, 1923.—Maximum, 40; minimum, 29; set maximum, 39.

BANK BANDITS AIDED BY VETERAN RANCHERS

FLORENCE, Dec. 17.—Jack Herring and Neils Bergram, veteran ranchers residing 11 miles from here, are under arrest, after confessing to harboring the three men who held up and robbed the Florence State Bank last Tuesday.

CHILQUIN STAGE AND TOURIST CAR COLLIDE

Detached Trailer Nearly Cause of Serious Accidents on Overhead Crossing.

A serious accident was narrowly averted yesterday on the overhead crossing two miles south of Ashland when a Dort sedan owned by E. N. Henz, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, skidded into a Studebaker enclosed car, owned by the Central Auto Co. of Klamath Falls, and driven by A. F. Black, also of Klamath Falls.

The accident occurred about 11 o'clock when the fog was at its thickest during the day. A wagon, used as a trailer and insecurely fastened to a truck owned and driven by Roy Hesse-nauer, of Ashland, broke loose from the truck and swerved across the road on top of the crossing, and came to a stop as the tongue of the wagon plunged under the railing of the guard.

The driver of the stage saw the trailer rolling at random as he approached the brow of the hill and slowed his machine to a dead stop and set the brakes when he was hit by the Minnesota machine which swerved when being brot to a stop. The front of the stage was damaged considerably.

An informal hearing was held this morning and efforts made to patch up the grievances out of court. Nothing definite was settled and it is probable that a long drawn out series of suits will be instituted immediately.

Charges will probably be preferred against Mr. Hesse-nauer in violation of the state law for not having the trailer fastened securely. Neither of the machines damaged was insured.

TO INCREASE SWITCH TRUCKAGE AT GERBER

GERBER, Cal., Dec. 17.—The construction of four miles additional truckage for switching purposes in the Gerber yards is the recommendation that has been made by J. W. Fitzgerald, general superintendent of the Shasta division for the Southern Pacific Company, to the headquarters of that company at San Francisco.

With the completion of these tracks there will be nine switching tracks in the Gerber yards, the longest being a mile and an eighth in length. In all of the Gerber yards there is twenty-five miles of truckage.

KILLER OF THREE WILL BE HANGED FEB. 8

MONTESSANO, Wash., Dec. 16.—Sentence of death was pronounced on Guido Grassi, 44, at 12:20 o'clock yesterday by Judge H. W. Hewen of Pacific county, sitting in superior court here. The execution is set for Friday, February 8, 1924, at the state penitentiary, Walla Walla.

Motion for a new trial was made by the defense attorneys yesterday afternoon, but after taking it under advisement overnight the judge denied it. Grassi was convicted Thursday of having murdered three Italians in Aberdeen, November 10.

Marshfield—Mountain States Power Company plans to increase capacity of power plant.

PENSIONS TOTAL OVER SIX BILLIONS

Payments Cover Period From 1790 to the Present Date.

539,756 ARE ON ROLLS

Pensioners Range From War of 1812 to Recent World Conflict.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—More than six and a half billion dollars have been expended by the United States in paying pensions to American war veterans and other Government pensioners since 1790, the Interior Department announced in making public a review of the business of the Pension Office during the last year.

The total disbursements for pensions up to June 30 totaled \$6,606,365,621, of which \$6,224,106,631 has been paid out on account of the Civil War and \$105,533,496 on account of the war with Spain.

In the fiscal year 1923 \$263,012,500 was paid out in pensions, compared with \$253,807,583 in 1922.

On June 30, 1923, there were 539,756 pensioners on the Government's rolls, compared with 547,015 in 1922. Of these 168,623 were Civil War veterans, 264,580 Civil War widows, 68,393 Spanish War veterans and 13,167 Spanish War widows.

During the fiscal year 25,462 Civil War veterans and 23,974 widows died, compared with 25,082 and 21,259 in the previous year.

On July 1, 1922, there were pending \$2,615 claims of all classes. During the year 127,779 new claims were filed and 159,727 claims disposed of, leaving 50,667 claims pending on June 30, 1923. A force of temporary employees, authorized by Congress, co-operated with the regular force of the Pension Office during the year, with the result that the work of the bureau has been made current, and claims and evidence are being considered as soon as they reach the adjudicating division.

Of the claims disposed of in 1923 54,463 were based on Civil War service and 69,854 on service in the War with Spain.

The number of pension certificates issued during the last fiscal year was 73,362, of which 34,961 were for Civil War service and 35,894 on account of the Spanish War. Since the beginning of the pension system the Government has issued 6,441,165 pension certificates—5,313,423 to veterans and 1,127,742 to widows.

Most of the pensioners—535,932—live in the United States, but there are 115 in the Canal Zone, 605 in American insular possessions and 3,100 in foreign countries.

The average annual value of a pension is estimated by the Commissioner of Pensions at \$421.92—\$661 for Civil War Civil War veterans, \$187 for Spanish veterans, \$279 for Mexican War veterans and \$217 for veterans of the Indian wars and pensioners who incurred disability in the Regular Army. The average annual pensions paid widows of Civil War veterans is \$359.

The monthly pensions vary from \$2 to \$416.67, the latter being the amount paid the widow of President Roosevelt under a special act of Congress. Pensions at rates below \$12 per month are paid to 6,726 persons, while six persons receive amounts in excess of \$100 per month.

During the year Congress broadened and liberalized the conditions under which pensions may be granted for service in the War with Spain and passed 2,505 special acts granting pensions or increase of pension.

MANY ARE INJURED WHEN CARS COLLIDE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 17.—Seven passengers were seriously injured and 150 others severely shaken when three Indiana inter-urban cars crashed in a rear end collision on the Big Four bridge here one hundred feet above the fog-enshrouded waters of the Ohio river.