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## GOMPERS DIES AS RESULT OF HEART ATTACK

### Labor Leader, Reported to be Dead Thursday, Dies on American Soil

#### REPORT IS OFFICIAL

#### Federation of Labor Faces Stiff Fight in Selecting New Or- ganization Head

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 13. — Samuel Gompers is dead. The veteran leader of the American laboring forces, victor in his determination to make his last fight for his life on the soil of America, his adopted home, suffered a relapse late last night, and died at 4:05 o'clock this morning.

The official announcement of Gompers' death was made here this morning by Chester Wright, press representative of the American Federation of Labor, the organization which Gompers helped to organize, and which he led as President for a period of thirty-seven years. Many of these years were strenuous ones, especially during the early history of the organization, but through the efforts of the dead leader, the body was able to withstand the attacks upon it, and came to be known as the strongest organization of its kind in the world, one which had to be reckoned with whenever collective bargaining between laborer and employer was undertaken.

Gompers went to Mexico City with a delegation of officers, following his re-election as President of the Federation at the last convention at El Paso, Texas, last month. He attended the inauguration of President Calles newly elected President of Mexico, but was troubled during the entire trip with his breathing in the varified altitude of the Mexican capital.

He grew steadily worse and Wednesday night was carried helpless, on a stretcher from his hotel in Mexico City to a waiting train, on which he was rushed back to American soil. It was reported on Thursday that he had died, but the following day this report was denied by his physicians, who claimed that Mexican military authorities were responsible for the false rumors concerning Gompers.

The boy of Gompers will be taken tonight aboard a train for Washington, D. C. Burial may be in Tarrytown, N. Y. where Gompers recently purchased a plot in Sleepy Hollow cemetery.

Matthew Woll, sixth vice-president of the American Federation of Labor has been prominently mentioned as Gompers' successor.

## WOMAN CHARGES MATE FORCED HER INTO PERJURY IN A TRIAL

Yesterday afternoon the hearing of R. Rickman of Ashland on the charge of subornation of perjury, and who had been held since the time of his arrest under a \$2000 bond, was begun in Justice Taylor's court in Medford.

Rickman's wife signed the complaint contained in the warrant for Rickman's arrest, issued some time ago by the district attorney's office. She charges in this document that her husband induced her to swear falsely in justice court and sign her name falsely to criminal complaint against her half-brother, William DeBolt, on September 14.

DeBolt has never been arrested on this charge, but the district attorney's office caused the arrest of Rickman on the perjury charge because of his wife's perjury allegations.

Eugene — Lane county bees have increased from 135 stands in 1923, to 1633 stands.

## PART OF IT HAS BEEN STOPPING IN ASHLAND

LONDON, Dec. 13. — London today was still in the grip of one of the worst fogs in years. It descended upon the city Tuesday night and continued throughout yesterday and this morning.

Thousands were delayed in going to work because of the burdening of the subways with unwanted members and the virtual paralysis of the omnibus and tramway service. Buses were able only to crawl, snaillike through the inky mist, occasionally bumping the curbs and one another.

Several persons were injured in collisions yesterday. Telegraphic reports indicate the fog extends to large degree over half of Europe.

The cost to London is estimated at five million dollars. Much shipping is held up and the crews of many vessels fogbound in the Thames are short of food.

## RAILROAD LEADERS TOUR SECTION NEAR BEND AND CRESCENT

### S. P. and S. Chiefs May be Planning Extension to Serve Falls Company, Believed

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 13. — Two well known Hill railroad line officials and the superintendent of one of the road's chief construction firms, have just finished a reconnoitering of the territory between Bend and Crescent in the northern part of Klamath county, it became known yesterday.

Those in the party were: A. J. Wittich, chief engineer of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle, the Great Northern connection into Bend; G. V. Lintner, assistant engineer and George Rockwell, superintendent of A. Guthrie & Company, known as one of the active contracting concerns in the northwest aligned with Hill construction.

"The assumption is that the tour was made with a view of possibly connecting the S. P. & S. now 32 miles distant from the Klamath county line, with the new Natron cut-off roadbed, and forcing joint use of the Southern Pacific into this section. This would provide the Great Northern with a standard built roadbed into the Klamath basin, give the Shevlin - Hixon Lumber company, due to operate here soon, a Hill connection and at the same time establish a new outlet for Klamath Falls.

## VETERAN MEDFORD HOTEL MAN DIES

MEDFORD, Dec. 13. — Henry Conklin Smith, proprietor of the Holland hotel this city, and formerly a well and widely known citizen of eastern Oregon, where he has a large acquaintance, died at the Sacred Heart hospital yesterday from a lingering illness of several months duration, aged 60 years, six months, and 18 days. By a tragic coincidence death came upon his thirtieth wedding anniversary. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Rev. Father Hamilton of the Episcopal church officiating, the last rites being held from the Perly Funeral Home.

## DE FORD IS WINNER IN GUESSING TRIAL

W. F. De Ford, box 323, Ashland rural delivery was the only guesser to correctly name the total in the label guessing contest held by the Bagley Canning company at the Winter Fair here. De Ford, it was announced this morning, guessed the number of labels as 1487, and when they were counted this morning, this guess was found to be correct. Although a number of other guessers were very close, De Ford's the only correct one, and to him will go the prize offered by the company.

## WINTER FAIR OF 1924 IS NOW A THING OF PAST

### Big Event Brought to Close With Dance at Armory Last Night

#### BIRDS ARE SHIPPED

#### Egg Laying Contest Is Still on. Birds Owned by L. H. Gallatin Have Lead

The pen of six birds, entered by L. H. Gallatin in the egg laying contest, has what appears to be a safe lead over the other pens entered, with a total egg record of eighteen eggs for the four days of the competition which have already passed. The pen owned by A. Bert Freeman is in second place with a total of 15 eggs. Since the contest closes at six o'clock this evening, there seems but a small possibility of Freeman's birds overtaking the pen owned by Gallatin.

The two pens ran neck and neck for the first two days of the contest, being tied with eight eggs each Wednesday evening. On Thursday, Freeman's pen fell far below their record, only one egg being produced by the pen, while Gallatin's pen continued their four egg a day record, giving them a lead of three eggs. Yesterday Freeman's hens produced five eggs, but every bird in the Gallatin pen produced an egg, making a total of eighteen to fourteen for Freeman's birds during the contest. At noon today Gallatin's birds had not produced an egg, while Freeman's entries laid but one.

The work of crating and shipping the six hundred birds entered in the show started late last night, and continued throughout the day today. Many of the birds are locally owned, and their owners were on the scene early to take home their fowls, but the work of getting ready for shipment the large number of birds entered by raisers throughout the state was occupying the attention of a large number of volunteer workers.

Carnival Night at the Armory last night, the closing event on the Winter Fair program attracted a crowd which taxed the capacity of the big building. The special features presented amused the crowd before the opening of the dance with which the evenings entertainment was closed. The "Grand Chicken Revue" was one of the best numbers presented, and drew much applause from the audience.

#### Returns to Gridley—

Mrs. J. R. Lilly former Ashland resident now living at Gridley who has been visiting in Ashland for the past few days returned to her home yesterday.

## TREES ARE TO LINE HIGHWAY BETWEEN JACKSON CO. CITIES

PORTLAND, Dec. 13. — Between Medford and Jacksonville the five miles of highway will be lined with English walnut trees. Arrangements for buying the necessary number of trees were completed Thursday by G. A. Gardner, retiring county judge of Jackson county. "The movement is backed by the chamber of commerce of Jacksonville," explained Judge Gardner, "and the trees will be planted inside the fences, so that tourists cannot raid the trees when they are bearing a crop. The farmers have agreed to the plan, and all has been arranged for except the actual shipment of the stock, and the trees were contracted for today." Judge Gardner retires from office next month, and his last appearance before the highway commission in his official capacity was made this week, when he sought to have cleaned up some odds and ends in Jackson county. The county has fared well at the hands of the commissions, because Jackson county has always come forward with a proposal for liberal co-operation, and the commission has displayed an attitude of helping counties which displayed a willingness to go 50-50.

## WOMEN WHO FIGURE IN NEWS OF THE DAY



Above: MRS. AUGUSTIN McHUGH & RUTH NUGENT  
Below: MRS. RAYMOND BELMONT & MME. JOHANNA GADSKI

## TALENT HAS FOUR REPRESENTATIVES AT AGGIE SCHOOL

### Students from Southern Oregon City Prominent in Affairs on College Campus

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 13. — Talent is represented at the college by four girls, Lucille Holdridge, and Mildred Nye are graduates of the Talent high school, Dorothy Piercy was graduated from the Vallejo high school in California, before coming to Talent to live and Lillian Reimer graduated from the Ashland High School last year.

Lucille Holdridge is a senior in professional home economics. She is secretary of the Rebekah club at the college.

Dorothy Piercy is a junior in agriculture. Miss Piercy is president of the Rebekah club, secretary of the agricultural club, and secretary of the horticultural club. She won first prize at the recent "Home Ec-Ag Ball," for the most original costume.

Mildred Nye is a freshman in commerce. She is a pledge to the Sigma Kappa sorority. Miss Nye takes an active part in musical activities on the campus, and she has been chosen a member of the Lyceum club, into which she will be initiated the beginning of the winter term.

Lillian Reimer, daughter of F. C. Reimer, superintendent of the Southern Oregon experiment station, is a freshman in home economics. She is a pledge to the Xi Beta sorority.

## McNABB SPEAKS AT BOY SCOUT MEETING

Chief of Police McNabb last night spoke at the meeting of Troop 2 of the Boy Scouts, thanking them for the part they have taken in making Ashland a good town. He complimented the scouts on their interest in observing the traffic rules and for the assistance in the protection of property and rights of others.

## JAP SHIP SINKS, 80 OF CREW ARE KILLED

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 13. — Eighty members of the crew of the Japanese battleship Kanto which went aground off the Northeastern coast of Japan yesterday are probably dead, according to advices received by the Yokosuka naval station here today.

## THUGS OBTAIN \$40,000 FROM CANADIAN BANK

### Daylight Holdup Nets Gang Small Fortune. Make Escape in Boat

#### SEEN IN SEATTLE

#### Police Give Chase to Car But Are Outdistanced. Search of Underworld Made.

SEATTLE, Dec. 13. — Five of the members of the bandit gang who escaped with \$40,000 when they held up and robbed the Royal Bank of Canada at Nanaimo, British Columbia yesterday, were believed to be in Seattle today after three narrow escapes from capture by police authorities at the city border.

According to a telephone message received from the Bellingham police, the bandits landed in that city early this morning from a fast motor boat, and escaped in two automobiles. Two hours later, one of the automobiles was sighted by Patrolman Coons in this city. The car was bearing the same license number as that in which the bandits had departed from Bellingham. Coons gave chase but was outdistanced.

As a result of this new clue, the police of the city have started an intensive search of the underworld section in an effort to disclose the hiding place of the bandits. It is almost certain, the local police officials declare, that the gang which committed the robbery is one of the many outfits which has been preying upon mercantile establishments of this city for the past several months.

For this reason the police believe the gang is in hiding in Seattle and they believe they will uncover clues in their search which will enable them to bring the culprits to justice within a few days.

The robbery of the Royal Bank of Canada was one of the most daring ever perpetrated in the Northwest. The bandits, unmasked marched into the bank just before closing time, lined the patrons up along the wall, and then ransacked the bank, taking all the cash in the building. Although a posse gave chase, the bandits soon outdistanced them and made their escape toward Puget Sound, where a boat was awaiting them.

## TWO ARE FINED FOR PARKING ON ROAD

Ralph Williams was fined in the Justice court today charged with parking on the highway. Williams, it is alleged, had parked his car on the highway with out any light. F. C. Stevens ran into the car, badly damaging Stevens car and injuring his wife and two children. Williams agreed to pay all damages and the car has been taken to a garage for repairs.

Thomas G. Hamlin was arrested yesterday for parking on the highway and failure to procure a driver's license. He was fined \$25 in the justice court today. The car belonged to Rapp Brothers of Roseburg as Hamlin had taken over the car but not paid for it yet.

## ARIZONA WARDEN IS DEFENDANT AGAINST SENSATIONAL CHARGE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 13. — Charging that Warden Sims, warden of the Arizona state penitentiary had decapitated the bodies of Paul Hadley and Theodore West, murders, were shortly after their execution in the state prison during the past year, and had boiled the flesh from their heads in order to obtain their skulls, Mrs. E. Howard today filed a sensational complaint in the Justice Court at Florence, Arizona against the warden.

Mrs. Howard alleged that she could produce witnesses to prove the charges which she brought against the warden. She was released last week from the Florence county jail, where she was held on charges of supplying fire arms to her husband who is an inmate of the state penitentiary.

Hillsboro — Washington county 1925 budget is \$278,862, \$350,000 to be raised by taxes.

## CAUTIOUS CAL SLIPS, HE LOSES TEN CENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. — President Coolidge was described during the campaign by his running mate, Charles G. Dawes, as "one who watches the nickels," but a letter received today at the White House showed that he does not always watch the dimes. The letter, addressed to the President and dated Racine, Wis., said:

"Dear Cal:  
"Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
"You do not know me, but one day before you were elected I was walking in back of you. You dropped a dime, but did not notice it. I picked it up and kept it because I was hungry. It got me a hot cup of coffee and two rolls. Well, I have plenty of dimes now, so I am returning one in the place of yours. Yours truly,

"A FRIEND."

## OREGON VALUATION GAINS 16 MILLIONS DURING PAST YEAR

### Statement by State Tax Commission Shows Big Increase in Value Throughout State.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13. — The value of all taxable property in the state of Oregon for 1924, including that equalized by the county boards of equalization and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission is \$1,058,880,736.61, as against \$1,042,410,618.66 for the year 1923. These figures were set out in a statement prepared here on Thursday by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner.

The total increase in valuations for the year 1924, as compared with those for 1923 is \$16,470,117.95.

A summary of the assessment rolls of the several counties of the state for the year 1924, as equalized by the county boards of equalization follow:

Tillable lands — Acres, 10,271,832.23; value, \$246,311.72; average value per acre \$23.98.  
Timber lands — Acres, 3,185,231.06; value, \$74,708,130; average value, \$23.45.  
Land improvement valued. Non-tillable lands — Acres, 13,797,273.60; value, \$88,954,948; average value, \$6.45.  
Improvements on deeded or patented lands, \$37,619,318.  
Town and city lots, \$199,722,681.  
Improvements on town and city lots, \$122,350,159.  
Improvements on lands not deeded or patented, \$1,538,500.  
Railroads under construction, logging roads and rolling stock, \$1,849,745.  
Steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery, \$18,513,035.  
Merchandise and stock in trade, \$47,836,812.  
Farm implements, wagons, carriages, motor vehicles, etc., \$5,594,686.  
Money, notes and accounts, \$17,240,756.  
Dogs Worth \$12.45 Each  
Shares of stock, \$15,750,829.60.  
Hotel and office furniture, etc., \$4,163,080.  
Horses and mules — Number, 150,980; value, \$6,580,315; average value, \$42.58.  
Cattle — Number, 550,131; value, \$13,544,399; average value, \$24.62.  
Sheep and goats — Number, 1,356,041; value, \$7,096,865; average value, \$5.23.  
Swine — Number, 72,219; value, \$524,125; average value, \$7.26.  
Dogs — Number, 12,301; value, \$153,206; average value, \$12.45.  
Bees — Number stands, 12,892; value, \$36,541; average value, \$2.83.  
Miscellaneous, \$308,861.  
Total, \$910,425,790.32.

According to the statement Jackson county has \$24,800,490 of taxable property as equalized by the county board of equalization. \$4,691,912 value of taxable property assessed and equalized by the state tax commission and \$29,492,402.93 total value of taxable property, including that equalized by the county board and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission.

## CITY ELECTION FOR YREKANS IS DECLARED VOID

### Election Judges Absent from Polls During Part of Election Period

#### MIGHT BE CONTESTED

#### Board Refuses to Canvass Result and Orders New Municipal Poll to be Held Jan. 6

YREKA, Dec. 13. — To avoid the possibility of plunging the city into a maze of litigation which might be extended for more than three years, the board of trustees of Yreka Monday night refused to canvass the returns of the special \$56,000 bond issue election held here last Tuesday and ordered a new election held January 6.

The decision of the trustees came as a sensational climax to the fight that Yreka recently made for the bond issue, which was for the purpose of buying the Cady and Buckner mine shafts for an inexhaustible municipal water supply, the covering and concreting of the reservoir and the construction of a septic tank. The three propositions were overwhelmingly carried at the Tuesday election, and, under the law, the trustees met the Monday following the election to make the official canvass of the vote.

Under the state election law, which controls regular and special municipal elections in Yreka, which is without city charter and special election provisions, a majority of the members of the election board must be present at all times while the polls are open to the electorate.

Following the election, opponents called to attention that the result of the election could probably be invalidated because in a period while approximately 125 votes were cast, two of the members of the board were at lunch. It is said that Irving L. Eddy and Mrs. O. G. Steele were the first to adjourn for lunch, and, on their return, Mrs. Kate L. Bickel and W. B. Pollock left for a brief time.

Investigation showed that two of the judges had been absent for lunch while the others stood duty. The judges have been absolved from all blame, for they received no instructions as to such a clause in the election laws. The law does not provide duties to the judges were received and their rights and duties.

With election supplies, pamphlets printed by a San Francisco publishing firm and ostensibly setting forth the duties of judges, were received and distributed, but examination of these booklets after the election disclose the fact that they do not include the phase of the law which has caused the call for the new election.

## ROSEBURG POLICE INVESTIGATE MEN CAPTURED THERE

ROSEBURG, Dec. 13. — City officials are investigating George England, one of the four robbery suspects arrested yesterday in the belief that he may be the "inch and a quarter jimmy" robber of Portland. In the suit case bearing England's name the officers found two lengths of pipe, carefully flattened and sharpened on one end, one being just slightly over an inch and a quarter in width. One had a leather thong taped on so that it could be used as a jimmy or sap. John O'Leary, one of the four arrested, is a boxer, and was on his way to Medford to fight in a preliminary bout there.

The Chief of Police at Harrisburg identified a suit case, clothes and a can of oil in the car, in which the men were riding, as having been stolen from the home of Frank V. Spurlin of Harrisburg between 8 and 9 o'clock last night. Linn county officers are expected here late this afternoon to take the prisoners to Harrisburg.

Warren — Two electric companies competing for contracts for electric light and power.