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NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL MAKE APPOINTMENTS

Unofficial Tentative Meeting of Incoming Council Is Called by Mayor

ARE BUT TWO CHANGES

Hatcher to Succeed McNabb and Malone to Fill Vacancy Made by Resignation of Easterling

At an official, tentative meeting of the mayor and council which will rule the destinies of Ashland during the coming two years, called for last night by Mayor-elect O. H. Johnson, appointments for the numerous city offices were made by Johnson, and confirmed by the council. Although all the details for the coming tenure of office of the officials were not worked out, a substantial start was made which will enable the council and mayor to carry on their work more efficiently when they take office on January 1.

Although several changes in the roster of appointee city officials were suggested, by Johnson, but two of these changes were confirmed by the council. These two changes, those of J. W. Hatcher to succeed George McNabb as Chief of Police and C. W. Malone to succeed Ollie Easterling as city electrician were unanimously approved by the board.

Mayor-elect Johnson submitted the names of two men for the office of Fire Chief, and the council unanimously chose that of Clinton Baughman, present chief of the fire department. Baughman has established a wonderful record for low fire loss in the city during the past year, and it is possible that this fact influenced the council somewhat in their selection.

FAMED SINGERS TO APPEAR IN ASHLAND DURING THIS MONTH

The Rhondda Welsh Male Glee Singers, considered the finest organization of male singers in the world will give two performances in Ashland on December 23, according to an announcement made here this morning.

COAST STEAMER IS HELD AT ABERDEEN

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 16.—The coastwise steamer San Pedro went aground yesterday on the sand spit of the inner harbor here. Neither the ship nor the lives of the men aboard are in danger, although the hull of the boat may be damaged. It is likely that the San Pedro will be floated at high tide today.

BANK ROBBER GIVEN FIFTEEN YEAR TERM

Albany, Dec. 16.—Protesting that he is innocent and complaining that he did not receive a fair trial, Clarence Boggie, former Linn county deputy sheriff was today sentenced to fifteen years in prison by Judge Kelly, for complicity in the Shedd bank robbery. Lauren Neilson, convicted with Boggie was sentenced to ten years in prison.

WINTER HOLDS ICY GRIP ON THIS SECTION

Northwest Held in Grip of Storm Which Holds Up All Shipping

MANY LINES ARE DOWN

Portland, Dec. 16.—A snow storm and wind, bringing with it temperatures far below freezing, today held the Northwest in a grip of ice and snow. The United States Weather Bureau officials here stated this morning that it is their belief that the cold snap will be prolonged for a period of several days.

SWEDENBURG STATES CITY MUST PROVIDE FOR WATER SUPPLY

Problem Must be Solved Now, not in Future if Larger Population is Expected

Impressing upon his hearers the absolute need for more water before more people are invited to come to Ashland to establish a residence, Dr. F. G. Swedenburg, principal speaker at the Chamber of Commerce Forum luncheon at the Hotel Ashland today declared that right now is the time to make arrangements necessary in order to assure an adequate water supply for the city.

FAVOR EX-SERVICE MEN FOR POSITIONS

Salem, Dec. 16.—The state highway department today requested all contractors on going state contracts to give consideration to the employment of ex-service men in order to relieve the unemployment situation.

SEATTLE SHIPPING IN PANIC DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER

Seattle, Dec. 16.—Three boats are in distress in the waters of Puget Sound in the coldest day in five years it was reported at shipping headquarters in this city today. The mercury had dropped to sixteen degrees at eight o'clock this morning and gave every evidence of falling lower. Snow continued to fall throughout last night and this morning.

TRANSMISSION LINE RAPIDLY COMPLETED

Dunsuir, Dec. 16.—The California-Oregon Power company has maintained an office force of five clerks and accountants, in the Koenig building, since last July. This office was operated in connection with the building of the new 110 thousand volt transmission line from Coquille to Delta, a distance of seventy-three miles. The cost of this transmission line was approximately one million dollars and was completed in less than six months.

IS HE "MOST NOTORIOUS CROOK IN WORLD"?



During the sensational "Mr. A." trial in London, it was testified that the British army aide-de-camp of Rajah Sir Hari Singh, heir to the Maharajah of Jammu-Kashmir, had "framed" his master, and led the band of blackmailers who collected \$750,000 from Rajah Sir Hari when he was found in a Paris hotel with Mrs. Maude Robinson. The aide-de-camp, whose identity was kept as secret as that of the Indian potentate, was branded "the most notorious crook in the world" by the attorneys. With the official admission that the potentate was the Rajah, it became known the aide-de-camp was Captain Charles W. A. Arthur, who was immediately arrested in Paris. He denied his guilt emphatically, but it was testified at the trial he received a large share of the \$750,000 blackmail.

MOTHER IS FATALLY BURNED SAVING HER CHILDREN FROM FIRE

Girl of Two Years Also Injured in Fire Which Burns Home Seven Miles of Pendleton

Pendleton, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Maurice Hall, 19, died in St. Anthony's hospital at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning as a result of burns suffered in rescuing her two babies from a fire which Saturday night destroyed the combination tent house and shack where they lived on McKay creek, about seven miles from Pendleton. The fire was caused by explosion of a gasoline lamp. One of the children, a girl of 2, was severely burned, but has a fighting chance for life. The other, a baby of 3 months, was carried to safety by the mother, and escaped unharmed. It was in returning for the older child that the mother was burned.

WIFE OF PROMINENT PLAYWRIGHT IS DEAD POLICE INVESTIGATE

Dorothy Stoneheart Dead of Poison Under Circumstances That Point Toward Murder

New York, Dec. 16.—Dorothy Stoneheart, 27, wife of Herbert Stoneheart, a composer of popular musical comedies died of poison in her apartment in the exclusive Pomander Walk colony near here today, under circumstances which prompted the police authorities to start an investigation. Although the finding of Mrs. Stoneheart's body points to suicide, the police state they have reasons to believe that it is not a case of self destruction. Stoneheart is a handsome man, and frankly admitted to the police that he had given his wife no real cause for jealousy, adding with equal frankness that other women had been attracted to him despite his wishes. According to the detectives working on the case, Stoneheart has not been considered as a suspect in the case, but was simply questioned in order to give them some clue upon which to work. It is held probably by the police that some woman, attracted to Stoneheart, poisoned his wife in order that she might be able to win the love of the musical comedy playwright.

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COOLIDGE'S STAND ON ARMAMENT MADE PLAIN TO VISITORS

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Coolidge's determination that the United States shall not engage in any armament competition, irrespective of what any other nations in the world may do, was today positively reaffirmed at the White House. The President told callers he could see little hope for the future from the standpoint of world peace and economic well being if nations resume the business of armament racing, and so far as America is concerned, the President made it plain that America will have none of it.

Think Young and You Will be Young, Says Star

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Think young. Believe you are young and you will be. This is the creed of Cyrena Von Gordon, opera star, conceded to be one of the most beautiful and talented young women in America. "This is the golden age—the age of youth, beauty and art," said Miss Von Gordon. "The spirit of youth is having its flip today. It flames in every walk of life. Without youth there is no beauty. Everything youthful is beautiful."

MAN KILLS HIS WIFE AND CHILD THEN SUICIDES

Family Quarrel at Vancouver Ends in Double Killing and Suicide

CHILDREN WOUNDED

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 16.—As the result of a quarrel over financial matters and family affairs near here yesterday, three are dead, one of them a suicide and two are badly wounded. In a mad frenzy, temporarily insane, James McGinley of this city, 49 shot and killed his bride of five days, and then shot and hacked to death with an axe, Lucile, the fourteen year old daughter of the woman by a former marriage. He then ended his own life with a pistol when deputies from the sheriff's office surrounded the shed in which the family has been living since the marriage. Jack, 12, and Minnie, 8, children of the dead woman were wounded in the legs by shots which were fired by McGinley. They are in a serious condition caused by the loss of blood. It was three hours after the shooting before medical aid could be obtained to care for the children. The fatal shooting affray is said to have followed an argument during the course of which the woman is said to have upbraided McGinley for his failure to collect a sum of money alleged to be due him from his brother in a business deal. Little is known of the McGinley's here. It is stated by neighbors that they arrived in the city the day of the marriage and took up residence in the shed a few days ago. Police authorities are searching for relatives to care for the two injured children.

RED FLAG IS RAISED OVER PARIS EMBASSY

Paris, Dec. 16.—The red flag of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, as it is now officially named, was ceremoniously hoisted from the Russian embassy Sunday morning. Leonid Krassin, the ambassador, issued a note tonight saying the ceremony took place in the presence of the embassy staff and "every citizen of the union who is in Paris." The band played the "Internationale," which is the Russian official hymn, and those present sang the words of the hymn. Krassin made a short address, but his note does not give its substance.

EMIGRANT DAM GATES TO BE CLOSED SOON

Filling of Construction Joints Now Occupying Attention of Men

WILL FILL UP RAPIDLY

Water to be Stored Back of Big Structure as Soon as Work Now on Is Completed

With the concrete forming the big Emigrant Creek dam cooled down to approximately sixty degrees, the temperature required before the water could be backed up, work started yesterday grouting the cracks left by the contractors, and soon the gates will be closed and the water will be backed up. The cracks which are now being filled are construction joints, left open to allow for the construction and expansion of the concrete while cooling off. Grout is forced into these joints under high pressure, and the dam is then ready for use. Although the officials in charge of the dam will give no definite statement as to when they believe the dam will be filled, they state that they are confident that the reservoir back of the dam will be holding its capacity of eight thousand acre feet of water before the spring rains have ceased, thus assuring an ample supply of water for the year, and banishing any thought of a shortage such as occurred during the past summer. Over a long period of years, according to figures compiled by the federal government, the runoff each year on Emigrant Creek has been approximately 28,000 acre feet of water. With the capacity of the new dam equalling only about one third the runoff it is assured that the reservoir will easily be filled. During the early rains it was impossible to store the water because the dam had not cooled sufficiently to allow the gates to be closed, and thus much of the water running down the creek was allowed to run off. Part of the time during these early storms the water ran into the reservoir so rapidly that it was difficult to keep it at a level which assured the safety of the dam, but since the storms were of short duration, no damage was done, and the water was finally gotten out. Now that the gates have been closed and everything is in readiness for the filling of the reservoir, it is expected that it will fill rapidly.

SNOW DRESSES THE CITY IN GARB FIT FOR WINTER WEAR

Three Inches of Snow Covering City Adds to Holiday Appearance of Present Season

Winter blew its chill breath on Ashland yesterday afternoon and last night, and this morning the city awoke to find itself covered with a blanket of three inches of snow. Starting about four o'clock yesterday afternoon, the snow continued until eight, laying down a thin mantle of white. Later during the night the fall started again, and this morning the entire city was blanketed with its winter dress. Snow shovels were in demand as the residents started clearing off their sidewalks to prevent possible accidents to passers by. Trees were bowed down with the weight of the snow covering their branches, and the city generally took on a holiday appearance. The snow followed a light rain which started early during yesterday afternoon. The rain rapidly turned to snow, and within an hour the snow, accompanied by a wind had dressed the city in white, bringing forth sleds, in storage since last winter. According to predictions, the present storm will last for three or four days, and may bring more snow. The northern end of the grip of winter, with six to eight inches of snow reported from various points throughout these sections. It believed that the snowfall here is but a forerunner of the storm which struck Northern Oregon, and that cold weather and more snow will be forthcoming for this section. The fog which has hung over the city for the past week has entirely disappeared with the coming of the snow but automobile driving is still difficult because of the ice formed on the streets. Several minor crashes and near accidents have been reported, but as yet no serious smash has occurred within the city.

OFFICIAL HANGMAN FOR STATE RESIGNS

Salem, Dec. 16.—William Lamb, for many years hangman at the Oregon state penitentiary, has severed his connection with the institution, according to an announcement made Saturday. Mr. Lamb designed and assisted in erecting the present scaffold in the prison. Previous to accepting employment here Mr. Lamb was said to have acted as official executioner in the Philippine islands. Prison officials here said Mr. Lamb was an expert hangman. Mr. Lamb would give no reason for the move, but intimated he was not in sympathy with the conduct of the institution under the present administration.

HOMES INJURED IN CAR SMASH

A serious accident occurred on the Boulevard road last evening when the Ford roadster belonging to L. W. Fall, Jr., ran into the Ford touring car driven by Fred Homes. Both men were injured, Homes sustaining a rather serious injury to his back. Fall bit his tongue badly. According to Fall, his car skidded and he was not able to control it so that it hit Homes car knocking it into the ditch. Both the cars were wrecked badly. Chief of Police McNabb states that Fall will be held responsible for the accident.

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GOVERNOR STATES HE WILL START ON TALK

Salem, Dec. 16.—Governor Pierce announced Sunday that he would start the work of preparing his biennial message to the state legislature some time this week. The message will be read at a joint session of the two houses of the legislature on January 12. The governor would give no intimation of what the message would contain, other than recommendations for additional sources of state revenue.

CASE AGAINST MRS. SWEETIN FAILURE EVIDENCE IS DENIED

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 16.—The state's case against Mrs. Elsie Sweetin virtually collapsed here today when the court refused to admit as testimony a signed confession in which it is alleged she told of the administration of a dose of arsenic to her husband, Wilfred Sweetin, for whose murder she and Rev. Lawrence Hight, her "perfect lover" are on trial. In refusing to admit the confession, the court ruled that it had been obtained through coercion and fear, with the promise that Mrs. Sweetin would be given her freedom if she confessed to the police evidence which would enable them to convict Rev. Hight of the crime. Hight it is stated will plead insanity in order to escape punishment. His attorneys have already hired alienists in order to show that the minister is suffering from mental diseases, and was not competent at the time of the killing.

MAN HELD ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY CABOOSE

The Monrovia ranch on the Pacific Highway several miles south of town was broken into yesterday and a watch, revolver and two ladies handbags stolen. The thief overlooked a number of valuable articles. A man who is being held in the Hornbrook jail in connection with the robbery of a caboose in Ashland is suspected of having been implicated in the Monrovia theft. The man who is said to have stolen a number of articles of clothing from the caboose evidently had a companion with him although the latter has not been found. Conductor Ashbaugh will arrive in Ashland this evening from Hornbrook and the details of the robbery will then be known.

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