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## WERTZ IS FIRED FROM FORCE BY MAYOR LAMKIN

OFFICER STATES NO REASONS FOR RELEASE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

### RESIGNATION ASKED ONE WEEK AGO TODAY

Ousted Night Policeman in Quandry As to Nature of the Complaints Which Caused His Removal; Lamkin Out of Town.

One of the most puzzled and hurt men in the city today is Webster Wertz, night police officer, who was released from the police force through orders of Mayor C. B. Lamkin Monday night.

In a statement made this morning, Wertz denied any knowledge of the accusations which caused his removal from office. He declared that he had tried to learn from Mayor Lamkin the nature of the complaints but that he met with no success.

"I was informed a week ago," said Wertz, "that my resignation from the force would be acceptable. This I declined to sign, as I had no reason for so doing. I went to Mayor Lamkin and asked him the reasons for the resignation. He told me that pressure had been brought to bear from outside sources, and that he had become tired of receiving the continued complaints. As to my work Mayor Lamkin stated that it was in no way criticized and that as far as he knew there were no complaints against the manner in which I had performed my duties as night officer. I am entirely at a loss to understand the order. I could not get any satisfaction from the mayor."

Wertz has been a member of the police force for more than a year, and from all accounts has performed his duties in a very satisfactory manner. Men who have occasion to be out long after a majority of citizens have retired for the night, have always seen Wertz on duty. Railroad men, those who return from various dances, and hunters leaving the city at an early hour, have all noticed this, and have commented at various times upon his presence.

Every effort was made today to reach Mayor Lamkin in order that, in all justice, a statement might be made by both sides, but the mayor was out of the city during the morning, and did not return to Ashland until late this afternoon. Mr. Lamkin will be interviewed Wednesday, and his side of the question learned.

## PEGGY ACQUITTED AT TRIAL BY JURY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 24.—"Peggy" Beale, diminutive slayer of Warren Anderson, her "perfect lover," and the alleged destroyer of 50 women's hearts, was freed last night. The jury was out for an hour and 35 minutes.

### LADIES' ART CLUB GIVES PARTY MONDAY EVENING

The Ladies' Art club had a very enjoyable time at Pioneer hall Monday evening, a large number of the members coming dressed in Halloween costumes.

The prize costume of the evening was "Maggie" with Mrs. E. H. Bush playing the character to perfection. The clown costume worn by Mrs. Brown and the witch costume of Mrs. Barron were worthy of special mention, as was the dress of the '90s worn by Mrs. Gray and the special costumes of Mrs. Kinz and Mrs. Thornton were good. Several others appeared in various costumes of greater or less degree and many laughs were enjoyed as the result of the characters represented.

A two-course luncheon was served during the evening, the first course being grapes and the second course was taffy, the members being compelled to pull it themselves.

Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Jarvis left a few days ago for California, where they will spend the next two weeks on a vacation trip. They expect to return home about November 6.

## Horthy Rules With Royal Pomp



Admiral Horthy, regent of Hungary, rules with all the pomp of a monarch. Appointing officers for the army becomes a regal ceremony with all the trappings of the days gone by. Here the admiral is appointing an officer by tapping him lightly on the shoulder with the flat of his sword.

## LOCAL RADIO HEARD IN KINGMAN ARIZ. BY ASHLAND MAN

Music from many portions of the country were picked up by the radio set at the Automotive Shop Monday evening between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock. From Salt Lake City, Denver, Fort Worth and Bellingham came the broadcasts with a variety of entertainment.

Glenn H. Johnson, former Ashland boy, who left here in 1916, in a letter received today from Kingman, Ariz., says:

"Last night (Oct. 19) we picked up a radio broadcasting station of your city about 9 o'clock, with a radio set owned by a neighbor.

"The reason of my writing is that I am a former Ashland boy, having left there in 1916, but as all Ashlandites, am still a strong booster. My father was Charley S. Johnson, now deceased. You probably remember him.

"If it is possible to let the people know what results they are giving, by this letter, I would appreciate it."

Following are the stations heard Monday night:  
KDYL—Salt Lake City, Utah.  
KZM—Oakland, Calif.  
KFQB—Phoenix, Ariz.  
KDZR—Bellingham, Wash.  
Denver National Guard, Denver.  
Western Radio Corp., Denver.  
Fitzsimons Hospital, Denver.  
KGG—Portland, Oregon.  
WBAP—Fort Worth, Texas.  
KFZ—Yakima, Wash.  
KLP—Los Altos, Calif.  
KFAY—Medford.

## LAW MAY COMPLETE HIS CABINET TODAY

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Premier Andrew Bonar Law is busily engaged in completing his cabinet, which he will submit today or tomorrow. The king is expected to proclaim the dissolution of parliament immediately. November 15 has been set as the date for the general election—the new parliament assembling five days later.

Approximately 1300 persons have announced their candidacy for the 651 seats. Premier Law must control 350 members of the house of commons to have a working majority.

### WEITMAN FUNERAL TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY MORNING

Frank Weitman, who died Monday afternoon, was a native of Iowa, but had lived in the vicinity of Wagner Soda springs for a number of years and was well known throughout that section of the country.

At the time of his death Mr. Weitman was 57 years, 10 months and three days old. He had been a sufferer from cancer for a number of

### BAD CHECK PASSER WALKS INTO JAIL; SAYS WANTS A WINTER HOME

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 24.—Jail has no terrors for F. F. Osgood, 45, who cheerfully walked into the police station yesterday and gave himself up to Captain of Detectives John Strickland, saying:

"Well, I want a home for the winter again."

Osgood claims he passed two bogus checks Saturday. He is held pending an investigation of this matter. He was jailed on a similar charge a year ago.

## ADDITIONAL RIOTS NOT ANTICIPATED

BERKELEY, Calif., Oct. 24.—The possibility of a serious clash between the University of California and University of Southern California students, when the football teams meet in Los Angeles, is engaging officials. President Barrows, head of the University of California, is certain that Berkeley students will not resort to reprisals for the recent attack launched by Southern California students.

### READING COURSE FOSTERED BY PARENT-TEACHERS ASSN.

The Parent-Teachers' association is fostering a reading course for the grammar school students of the city, in the third to eighth grades inclusive, and is offering certificates of reward to every student who reads the prescribed list of books.

The fact that a large number of grammar school pupils are deficient in reading caused the association to take this way of encouraging them to do more work along this line, endeavoring to help the children become better readers by offering the inducement of the certificates.

Twenty lists of ten books each have been made out by the librarian and any scholar is given a choice of several lists, from which to select a reading course. The books selected by the librarian are of the very highest grade, which promises a knowledge of real literature to all children who undertake the course.

As an additional impetus to the movement, the school board has agreed to give five credits to each student who finishes reading a list of ten books during the school year. This should prove valuable to the student, as the additional credits help out at any time and might mean that pupils without sufficient credits otherwise would be enabled to enter the next grade.

Every pupil should put forth an extra effort to obtain this certificate and the credits which it will bring, by spending a few hours of leisure time in reading good books.

years, his death being caused by the disease.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Kingsbury cemetery, in charge of J. P. Dodge and Sons.

## ITALY IS FACING GREAT CIVIL WAR AT CONVENTION

EXTREME NATIONALIST PARTY, EX-SOLDIERS, IN THREATENING POSITION

### CROWD OF 30,000 MEET FOR OPENING SESSION

Fascisti Are Massed With Artillery And Machine Guns and May March Upon Rome; Party in Favor With Populace.

NAPLES, Italy, Oct. 24.—The political fate of Italy, and perhaps a civil war, is in the balance today, when the convention of the fascisti, the extreme nationalist organization composed of former soldiers, opened its convention. A crowd of 30,000 have gathered here. There are 30,000 Italian soldiers massed with artillery and machine guns at commanding points.

Leaders of the fascisti are threatening to march on Rome and seize the government. The people appear cordially disposed toward the fascisti.

## \$9000 MONTHLY IS EXPENDED TO RUN ASHLAND SCHOOLS

For the purpose of discussing the budget needed by School District No. 5 for the fiscal year beginning June 30, 1923, and ending June 30, 1923, legal voters will meet at the city hall on November 14, at which time they will vote on a proposition of levying a special district tax.

Figures compiled from the estimated expenditures, as set forth by W. H. McNair, president of the school board and F. S. Engle, clerk, include the following:

During this period it will cost approximately \$9000 per month to run the public schools, \$33,295 being needed to cover all purposes during the year. Salaries will take \$55,075, including those of the city superintendent, three principals, 37 teachers and the janitors. Estimated maintenance and repairs will be \$1300, with \$600 insurance. Miscellaneous expenditures, such as rent on the Hawthorne annex, model cottage (practice house) heat, light and water will be \$1300. An emergency fund of \$1500 is needed to cover blackboards and incidentals. Commencement is expected to require \$250. Materials and supplies, including such articles as furniture, stores, books, flags, playground equipment, janitors' supplies, postage, stationery, telephone, fuel, light and water, and freight, are expected to reach \$8685.

Money will be derived from various sources, the estimated receipts are \$14,500 from the county school fund during the coming school year; \$2500 from the state school fund; \$6000 from the elementary school fund; with \$2250 as the estimated amount to be received from all other sources during the coming year. The total estimated receipts, not including the proposed tax, are \$25,250.

With a total operating expense of \$83,295, and receipts of \$25,250, not including the proposed tax, there will be a balance of \$57,045 to be raised by a district tax.

### FUNERAL TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral services for the late Winifred Spencer, who died early Monday morning, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church.

Interment will take place in Mountain View cemetery, in charge of J. P. Dodge and Sons.

### SCHOOLS TO BE DISMISSED TO HONOR DEAD TEACHER

All of the schools of the city will be dismissed at noon Wednesday, on account of the funeral of the late Winifred Spencer, who was one of the teachers at the Junior high school.

## Chicago Girls Paint Their Dresses



Hand-painted dresses are the latest fad introduced by the students of dress design at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. The girls in the classes are now at work on dresses for themselves made of material on which designs have been painted by hand. Miss Ann Leichter, a student at the academy, is the originator of the idea.

### STUDENT BRANDED ON FACE AND BACK BY ACID SOLUTION

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24.—Surprised while asleep at his home by three unidentified men and tied securely, William Sykes, an ex-service man and student of the University of California, southern branch, suffered agonizing pain Monday when the initials "U. S. C." were burned on his face and neck with a strong nitric acid solution by the men who escaped immediately after the attack.

## WEDDING IS NEAR: KAISER BILL HAPPY

DOORN, Holland, Oct. 24.—Wilhelm Hohenzollern, ex-German kaiser, is showing signs of the sprightliness of a lover, as the date of his marriage, November 5, approaches. It is learned from persons close to him.

Princess Hermine of Ruess, his bride-to-be, will wear lilac and black at the two marriage services—lilac for the civil ceremony and black velvet for the religious ceremony.

### SAN FRANCISCO WILL HELP ADVERTISE KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 24.—Seventy-eight members of the San Francisco chamber of commerce trade excursion, who left Sunday, after a 24-hour stay here, bent the California-Oregon state line to include Klamath county in the San Francisco \$400,000 advertising campaign.

Announcement that Klamath was to be included in the campaign to develop northern California was made by Dr. B. M. Rastall of the San Francisco chamber of commerce, at a smoker given for the visitors Saturday night. He said there was no reason why Klamath should not be included in the plans and invited co-operation to bring eastern settlers to this section.

Expecting to see a rough lumbering town, the San Franciscans declared themselves amazed at the progress shown in Klamath Falls, and with the scope of tributary country, a portion of which they viewed in an 80-mile tour. Merrill, Malin and the Tule lake districts were visited.

Klamath extended an invitation for the Californians to return on California Admission day next year, which was accepted.

### COSHING EVENTS

- October 27—County Y. M. C. A. Convention.
- October 31, November 1—"We Should Worry," Elks' musical comedy.
- November 7—General election.
- November 11—Armistice day.
- November 22—"Colonial Players," Lyceum number.
- December 4-7—Winter fair.

## THREE BANDITS ANNEX WATCHES CASH AND AUTO

MACHINES ARE STOPPED ON HIGHWAY NEAR FAIR GROUNDS

### VICTIMS RELEASED CLOSE TO GOLD HILL

Deputies Search for Hours Sunday Morning; Highwaymen Attempt to Run Bluff on Owner; Auto Is Recovered Later at Medford.

Highway bandits held full sway early Sunday morning when they held up three machine loads of people returning from the dance at the fairgrounds, confiscated one of the machines, relieved the occupants of all cash, watches and jewelry, took their victims to Gold Hill, and turned them loose to make their way back to Medford as best they could.

The hold-up was staged by a trio of bandits, who stopped the machines near the fairgrounds. One man contributed \$120, while the rest donated less liberally. Those in the three cars were loaded into one machine, a Buick, which was driven by one of the robbers. When all were allowed to leave the car at Gold Hill, the highwaymen continued in the direction of Grants Pass.

Following the departure of the machine, the victims started to walk back towards Medford. A machine was seen approaching from the north, and was flagged. One of the party recognized the machine as his, the one that had been stolen. The bandits "stepped on it," and disappeared. The machine was found later in Medford, where it had been abandoned.

Within a short time after the hold-up, special deputies were stationed along the highway in various parts of the county. Those who returned to Ashland at a late hour were stopped by the officers, and questioned as to whether or not they had seen the Buick, it not being known at the time which direction had been taken by the bandits in their escape.

According to police authorities today, the identity of the highwaymen is still unknown, though the officials state they are in possession of clues that may lead to their apprehension.

PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—The federated patriotic societies ticket is out. It indorses Elton Watkins for congress; Walter Pierce for governor; Hoff for state treasurer; Kerrigan for public service commission, and the compulsory school bill.

## INNES IS IN AGAIN; SERVED FOR 7 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Victor Innes, Portland lawyer, was released from a Georgia chain gang today, after serving a seven year sentence for larceny, and returned here on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

Authorities spent months endeavoring to prove that Innes had done away with Beatrice and Lois Nelms, Atlanta, Ga., girls, to secure their property.

He was acquitted finally of murder, but convicted of the larceny of the property. Mrs. Innes, in Portland, Oregon, served a term in prison for fraud.

### FATHER AND SON GO TO PRISON TOGETHER

EUGENE, Oct. 24.—E. C. Rudolph was sentenced to three years, and his son, Delbert Rudolph, to one year in the penitentiary by Judge G. F. Skipworth in circuit court Monday. Father and son were found guilty of arson by a circuit court jury last week on the charge of burning farm buildings near Elmira to collect insurance of \$6000. James Wilson, indicted jointly with them, will be tried later.

In behalf of Delbert Rudolph, Attorney A. C. Woodcock asked the judge for a parole. The judge said that he would grant a pardon to no man convicted of arson. He expressed the belief that the son was not as guilty as the father who concocted the scheme, but that he was implicated in the crime by helping build the fire.

## MANY CIVIL CASES ARE ON DOCKET FOR THIS TERM OF COURT

Of the 22 women called on regular and special venires for grand jury service at the term of circuit court that opened Monday, all but three claimed exemption. It was necessary to call a special venire of 15, eight of them being women.

Ashland people who were called at this time were Beulah Joy, Mattie Millon, Jackson Gyger, Elizabeth Homes. Talent was represented by Frank M. Centers and Ralph E. Konzer.

Two criminal cases are on the docket—State vs. Simmons and State vs. Sargent. The Simmons case was argued today.

Civil cases this term are very heavy, and are scheduled as follows:

- Osenbrugge vs. Osenbrugge, McCarvel vs. Winders, Baker vs. Rowen, Walker vs. Short, Howard vs. Anderson, Southern Oregon Lumber company vs. Penoyer, Medford Dom. Laundry vs. Sheffield, Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank vs. Short, Hale vs. Bunnell, Grants Pass Irrigation district vs. Dean, McFadden vs. R. R. Valley Canal company, Central Door and Lumber company vs. Rice, Bullock Mercantile Agency vs. Smith, Medynski vs. Zundel, Tunny vs. Sec. Insurance company, Gerlinger vs. Gagnon, Weeks vs. Gagnon, Messino vs. Woods, Hutchinson vs. Gagnon, Seller vs. Cass, Talent Irrigation district vs. Baylis, Brown vs. Stots, Smith vs. Bertelson.

## WOMAN COLLAPSES AT CORONERS TRIAL

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 24.—Her nerves shattered by the drowning of her husband and the sudden knowledge of his alleged infidelity, Mrs. Frank Smedley is unable to face Adele Dalton, his school teacher sweetheart, during the coroner's inquest over the body of Frank Smedley.

Testimony at the inquest indicated the death was accidental, and showed no suspicion that love's cross currents had ever come to Mrs. Smedley.

Miss Dalton was a pathetic figure in black and appeared to be crushed by the tragedy which removed her lover, when she testified she took a week-end trip with Smedley.

### BODY OF DREDGE MAN FOUND IN WILLAMETTE

PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—The body of Ben Welling, age about 55 years, was found floating in the Willamette river Sunday near the Peninsula Lumber company dock, by Clyde Tealing engineer of the steamer Astoria.

Welling was one of the three men drowned October 14, when the Portland dredge "Portland" was sunk near Swan Island.