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OREGON BOOK DEAL INJUNCTION ISSUED

Board of Education Restrained from Accepting Views of Book Commission.

Portland, Ore.—Temporary injunction was granted against the state board of education to restrain the board from accepting the school book recommendations of the textbook commission, on the ground that only three of the five textbook commissioners were legally appointed and that consequently the recommendations of the commission are not legal.

David F. Graham, citizen and taxpayer of Vale, Malheur county, is the plaintiff. The state board of education consists of Governor Pierce, Secretary of State Kozar and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Turner. Service will be had on Kozar and Turner as soon as possible.

It is the contention of Graham that of the five members on the textbook commission only three, George Hug of Salem, A. C. Hampton of Astoria, and M. A. Miller of Portland are legally appointed, and that F. C. Kent of Corvallis and Miss Winifred Winnard of Portland are not legal members.

CANADA PROPOSES DRASTIC RUM CURB

Victoria, B. C.—Rum running between British Columbia and points along the Pacific coast in the United States will be dealt a serious blow, it was believed, if the Canadian parliament adopts legislation recommended at the royal commission of customs inquiry here.

That Canada should build its own rum chasing fleet, comprised of fast fully armored vessels carrying guns, was suggested by Attorney General A. G. Manson of British Columbia.

Manson reviewed the smuggling situation and attacked the present customs regulations. These regulations, he declared, have defeated the ends of the treaty between Canada and the United States intended to stamp out liquor and narcotic smuggling.

Private liquor exporting houses of British Columbia should be abolished by legislation, Manson said.

He urged that legislation be adopted to govern overland shipments of liquors between Canadian cities by way of a United States city and requested a Canadian customs patrol service in Canadian waters.

RAILROADS INCREASE WAGES

100,000 Shopmen Affected by \$3,000,000 Increase.

Chicago, Ill.—Eleven railroads operating out of Chicago have granted wage increases that will add \$3,000,000 annually to the pay of about 100,000 shopmen.

The advances range from 1 to 3 cents an hour, in most cases an hourly increase of 2 cents, and either are already in effect or will be by the end of the calendar year.

The move was negotiated through local employers' associations, but railway officials said that the first major and general increases since those incident to the strike of shop workers in 1922 were voluntarily granted and not forced by demands. There have been advances on some of the roads since 1922 but of smaller proportions.

Among the roads involved are the Union Pacific and Great Northern.

Land Bank Director Named.

Boise, Idaho.—Election of Hugh Sprout of Boise as director of the Federal Land bank of Spokane gives southern Idaho two of the seven members of that directorate. H. E. Shepherd of Jerome is the other, having been appointed last spring. Mr. Sprout was elected to represent the third district, winning over A. W. Cauthorn of Portland by a vote of 90,896 to 52,454. The votes were cast by the various farm loan associations and counted and announced by the farm loan board in Washington, D. C.

New Milwaukee Company Forms.

New York, N. Y. — An important step in the reorganization of the St. Paul railway was completed here when a new company, to be known as Chicago, Milwaukee & Pacific Railroad company, was organized to succeed the present railway company, now in receivership.

YOU ORDER CHICKEN AND THEN YOU GET SPARROWS

Miss Dorothy Koepke, former Athena high school pupil, who is now studying and traveling in Italy, writes interestingly to her parents at Glendale, California. Miss Dorothy says Italian is Greek to her, but she thought birds were the same every place. That is, she thought so until she tried ordering roast chicken in Florence. In a recent letter she recounts some of her adventures in Italy:

"Day by day we pick up a little Italian, but we had a funny experience ordering luncheon. After the macaroni and wine we decided we wanted chicken, but none of us knew the word for it. One of the girls, after we had done much cackling and cawing, hit upon the idea of saying 'ceccello,' which is 'bird' in Italian. We all began shouting 'grande ceccello!'—'big birds'—then, and the waiter's eyes beamed. We were so pleased that we had made ourselves understood.

"After waiting about an hour he brought in a huge platter—a terrible-looking concoction. They were birds all right, as we found out later—sparrows!—considered a great delicacy here. They were prepared with the heads and feet and insides intact—everything but the feathers! "So the many cats that make themselves at home on the chairs and tables of Italian restaurants had a good feed, as we didn't dare hurt the poor waiter's feelings.

"We do a great deal of walking here. In fact I have already walked out one pair of good stout shoes. They last such a short time over these cobblestones. And we have climbed a good deal about these lovely mountains. Last week we all went up to Vallamboosa by automobile. It is an enchanting place, with lovely villas and an old monastery. We took our lunch and climbed to the top of a little mountain and looked out over the whole world.

"Saturday we went to the Archaeological museum and saw many Egyptian mummies and interesting things. Sunday, to the American Episcopal church in Florence. In the afternoon the American consul and his wife and some others came in for tea.

"Wednesday we visited the old Etruscan ruins at Fiesole, three miles from Florence.

"Have visited the Uffizzi, the largest art gallery here, and went later to the studio of Celestine, one of the greatest etchers in Europe. He is with the salon in Paris and one of the jurors for the Beaux Arts.

"This is the seventh century of St. Francis, a well-beloved saint, and everywhere are demonstrations for him. Tomorrow we are going up to Miniato, where there is a large ceremonial. Today, after church, we went to a lovely red cathedral, S' Solrore d'Ognissanti, and watched the most wonderful ceremony. The cardinal was in high state, thousands of candles lighted, music was chanted, incense burned and gorgeous colored robes were worn.

"Friday we watched 80,000 Fascisti parade in honor of Mussolini entering Rome four years ago. He is a wonderful man and is worshipped here.

"Soon we are taking a three day trip to Pisa and in December we go to Rome and perhaps to Munich."

"THE KEEPER OF THE BEES"

BY GENE STRATTON PORTER

One of the best pictures to come to the Standard in a long time, will be shown next Wednesday night, December 8, when Gene Stratton Porter's "The Keeper of the Bees," will be presented at regular admission prices. Side by side with "The Girl of the Limberlost," Mrs. Porter gave to the reading world and to the screen two great stories and two splendid photoplays.

Tomorrow night Rupert Julian's magnificent production, "Three Faces East," will come to the Standard, with a Cecil B. DeMille cast featuring Jetta Goudal, Henry B. Walthal, Robert Ames and Clive Brook. This is one of the big DeMille pictures, made by his own company, vividly depicting the World War secret service.

Sunday night Norma Shearer and Conrad Nagel, screen favorites will be seen in "The Waning Sex," her gorgeous follow-up to "His Secretary," presented at the Standard recently. Come and see if a career really does take the place of romance in a girl's life. She's a lawyer in this one!

Umatilla Rapids Bill Will Be Introduced

A Washington special to the Oregon Journal says Senator McNary and Representative Sinnott have completed the Umatilla Rapids development bill which they will introduce in two houses of congress early in December, authorizing the expenditure of \$45,000,000 for a 310-foot dam and power structure at Umatilla Rapids, contingent upon the ability of the secretary of the interior to contract for sale of power in amount sufficient to return the cost of the project, with interest in 50 years.

This contingent provision, which requires power contracts in hand to pay for the project before the government spends any money on it, is borrowed from the Boulder dam bill covering another great power project whose backers are so certain that they can market the power that they readily agreed to make construction dependent upon the advance sale of power. Cost studies have shown that power will be produced at the switchboard at Umatilla Rapids and at Boulder dam at something like the same low cost and it was felt that favorable consideration for Umatilla Rapids would be greatly advanced if it was put on the same pay plan as Boulder dam.

The \$45,000,000 authorization follows the estimate made by engineers of the reclamation service after careful studies in the field. The bill covers all purposes, power, irrigation, improvement of navigation and flood control. It provides for a special fund out of which construction will be financed and into which revenues will be paid, the fund to be created and replenished as needed during construction by sale of bonds of the United States. Expenditures will be made from the fund only upon appropriation by congress.

To guard against the "hogging" of the transmission field by powerful companies, it is provided that any company, contracting for 100,000 horsepower or more shall share the use of main transmission line with smaller users up to 25 per cent of the capacity of the line. Title to the works is to remain in the United States, but the electric plant, or units of it, may be leased for a term not greater than 50 years under appropriate provisions of the water power act.

McNary and Sinnott point out that the reservoir created by the great dam will back up the water for 90 miles and provide an ample inland waterway for future commerce on the Columbia.

MAC HI CHAMPIONS

Defeating LaGrande Thanksgiving Day, 13 to 6, Mac Hi won the Eastern Oregon scholastic football championship. Athena people who witnessed the game, said it was a real gridiron battle, in which the best team won.

HEART FAILURE CAUSES DEATH OF HAMP BOOHER

While sitting in a chair at Lee Whitehead's barber shop Saturday morning, heart failure caused the sudden death of Hamp Booher, well known Athena citizen. Death came with scarcely a struggle, a few gasps and the afflicted man had passed away. The remains were at once removed to Miller's undertaking room.

Apparently Mr. Booher was improving in health, since moving to Athena from Weston, where he had disposed of his farm, and relatives and friends were unprepared and shocked when his sudden demise took place.

For many years Mr. Booher was in business in Athena. He retired and purchased the beautiful farm home of the late Robert Jamieson on the outskirts of Weston, where with his wife, he resided until ill health forced him to sell the place a year ago. He purchased the present home on Third street, and last summer moved there.

He was born in Missouri, and at his death was aged 57 years, one month and 27 days. He came to Athena when a young man. On December 6, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Johnson, of this city, who with two brothers, William Booher of Athena and Charles Booher of Adams survive him. Of a family of ten brothers, seven have preceded him to the grave, all, with one exception, passing as the result of heart trouble.

Funeral services, which were in charge of Pythian Lodge, No. 29, Knights of Pythias, of which the deceased was a member, were held at the Christian church Monday afternoon, at two o'clock.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Installation of officers for the 1927 district convention of Rebekahs, which will be held at Hermiston, took place at the annual convention held in Athena last week. They are: Chairman, Edna Baddow, Hermiston; vice chairman Nellie Bean, Freewater; secretary Margaret Pitzer, Pendleton; treasurer, Stela Reeves, Stanfield; marshal, Mrs. Farley, Pendleton; conductor, Mrs. Curley of Helix; outside guardian, Laura Gorm, Boardman; inside guardian, Katherine Keen, Athena; L. S. chairman, Anna King of Weston; R. S. vice chairman, Hilda Peters, Echo; L. S. vice chairman, Janet McEwen of Milton. The convention will meet next year with Hermiston.

DEER IN FIELD

Thil Beckner saw a band of eight deer in his field south of Athena, on Thanksgiving Day. Five does and three fawns were in the bunch, and apparently they had come down from the mountains on their way to the winter feeding grounds over in Grant county. A couple of years ago deer came into the door yard at the Beckner place, and dogs put them to flight.

Hit and Run Driver Left Death In Wake

One dead and one in a Walla Walla hospital with serious injuries, is the toll left in the wake of a hit and run automobile driver, whose machine struck Harry and Eugene Zacharias, brothers, on the highway, north of Freewater, Thursday evening of last week.

The eldest brother, Harry 23, died without regaining consciousness. The younger brother is in a serious condition.

The boys were leading a cow along the highway near their home when struck and the driver kept on, speeding away. The young men were removed to their home and immediately taken to the hospital.

Officers working diligently on a clew, finally issued a warrant for the arrest of C. E. Kingsley, a barber at La Grande, charging him with the offense. Kingsley who drove from Walla Walla to La Grande Thanksgiving night, denies knowledge of the collision. Alfred Bushnell, occupant of the car, told La Grande officers that he thought the car hit some thing, but was dozing and could not positively say.

One of the headlights on Kingsley's car is broken, and officers say that glass was picked up at the scene of the accident.

INSTEAD OF DRIVING CAR HE IS WORKING FOR CITY

City water service was cut off several hours Tuesday evening, when the system was closed down to repair a fire hydrant that had been broken when Jack Murphy struck it with his Ford car.

Wednesday, when Jack was brought before Judge Richards, he was relieved of the privilege of driving his "kair" for the period of one year, and for the next six months he will "work" for the city, his earnings going toward the support of his family and not for purchasing gasoline.

When the fire hydrant was broken and the Ford struck a telephone pole and careened into a yard on upper Third street, it was evident that Jack had lost sight of his general direction or the "alkie" in the radiator had become "het up." Anyway, the judge, in adjusting the case, made provision for support of the family by the head thereof for the winter, instead of its being thrown on the charity of the city, as it has been in the past.

HE'S A GOOD SHOT

Weston Leader: Newt O'Harra found hunting good Sunday on the Winn pond northeast of town, where he ran into a big flock of mallards that had come up from the Touchet country with the storm and settled down upon the first water that they found. All he had to do was to shoot into the flock after he had flushed the birds, and ten fell to his scatter gun.

JOHN KEEN SUCCUMBS FROM HEART FAILURE

Death came to John W. Keen after one hour's illness from heart failure at his home near the State Line, Sunday morning.

Arising from his bed, Mr. Keen started the fire, but returned, telling his wife he would lie in the bed until she had breakfast prepared. Shortly after, Mrs. Keen thought she heard her husband call, and going in to the bedroom she saw that he was in distress. He complained of being in a chill and arose and went to the kitchen and seated himself in a chair beside the range.

Mrs. Keen called a neighbor to summon a physician, and soon after the neighbor arrived, Mr. Keen expired. The remains were brought to the home of Mrs. Fred Gross in Athena, a daughter of the deceased. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church in Athena, yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. The Masons took charge of the services at the grave.

Mr. Keen was born in Dallas, Texas, July 1, 1854, and died at the age of 72 years, four months and 27 days. In Arkansas, he was married to Miss Emily Easterwood, who preceded him to the grave, passing away June 27, 1909. They crossed the plains in 1873, settling in Idaho, and coming to Umatilla county in 1877. For many years they made their home on the farm northwest of Athena. On December 11, 1917, Mr. Keen married his second wife, Mrs. Louise Kumm, of San Francisco.

Deceased is survived by his widow, and the following children by his first wife: W. H. Keen, Louis Keen and Mrs. Fred Gross, of Athena; C. W. Keen of Pendleton; Mrs. Minnie Mitchell of Pasco, and John Keen of San Diego, California; One sister, Mrs. Perkins of Freewater, and a half brother, Henry Keen, of Olney, Texas, and also six grandchildren.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY AT THE AUDITORIUM THIS EVENING

"A Family Mix," Athena high school play, under direction of Miss Mildred Bateman, will be presented at high school auditorium, this evening, beginning at eight o'clock.

Rehearsals have brought out the fact that the play this evening will be one of the best presented by the school for several years past. "A Family Mix," is a comedy in three acts and the cast has been coached to present it cleverly.

The cast of characters is as follows: Ethel, Bob's sweetheart.....Edna DeFrees

Sally, the maid and Jobson's wife.....Belle Anderson

Miss Campson, an old maid.....LaVone Pittman

Louisiana Johnson, a colored lady.....Lucille Smith

Robert Brown, the hero and center of "the Mix".....Dorsey Kretzer

Deacon Smith, administrator of the estate of Bob's Aunt.....Granville Cannon

Jobson, the hired man.....Clifford Wood

James, the chauffeur.....John Kirk

MYSTERIOUS QUESTION IS ANSWERED FOR DEC. 16TH

In answer to the mysterious question mark followed by the date December 16th that has been seen about Athena for the past two weeks. The Etude club wishes to announce an evening entertainment to be given on the above date at the Athena high school auditorium.

The programs given at the regular club meetings are always worthy of public presentation, and in response to numerous requests the club will appear in a program drawn largely from the year book of 1926.

The first part of the program will consist of semi classical numbers, by the club chorus, solos, trios and duets both vocal and instrumental.

This will be followed by stunts, and skits which will tickle the risibles of the most solemn.

This entertainment will not replace the annual operetta which will be presented after the holidays. Popular prices of 25 and 35 cents will prevail as the club prides itself upon being a community affair and one of its aims is to stimulate interest in music.

MOTHER WHITMAN STUDENT

Mrs. Blanche Myers of Portland, who was found strangled to death in a small room of her home there Monday night, was the mother of Robert Myers, a student of Whitman college.

FATE OF FARM BILL RESTS WITH SOUTH

Coalition of Westerners and Southerners Needed to Pass the Bill.

Washington, D. C.—The fate of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill lies in the hands of southern senators and representatives.

Managers of the measure admitted that a coalition of westerners and southerners is needed to pass the bill. They asserted that nearly all of the westerners were for the measure, and in view of the depression in the cotton market they believed the chances were good for drawing substantial support from the south.

Already assurances have been given Senator McNary, representing Oregon, author of the bill, by large rice interests, that they favored the measure, and this indorsement was counted upon by sponsors of the bill to influence a number of members of congress. Indorsements also have been received from several farm organizers in the cotton belt.

While this support has been coming from the south, word also has been received that some of the democrats are shying away from the principle of the bill on the assumption that it would commit them to a high tariff, which they believe needed for successful operation of the proposed relief bill.

MEXICAN OIL LAWS ACCEPTED BY BRITISH

Washington, D. C.—Acceptance by all the British oil interests in Mexico of the provisions of that country's petroleum laws, which have been the subject of extended diplomatic correspondence between Mexico and the United States, was announced in telegrams received and made public by the Mexican embassy.

The telegrams also said that "La Corona," an important Dutch company, as well as "some American and other corporations," already had complied with the requirements of the oil laws in the same form as the British interests.

State department officials, declining to comment on the embassy's announcement, preferred to let the recent notes made public by Secretary Kellogg speak for themselves.

Regarding this particular phase of the diplomatic negotiations, the American government in its note of July 31 declared Mexico claimed the right to convert unqualified ownership into terms of years by the simple device of requiring the existing titles to be exchanged for concessions of limited duration.

RAIL CONFERENCE DUE

Joint Use of Klamath Falls Line to Be Discussed.

St. Paul, Minn.—Proposed use of Southern Pacific tracks by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways into Klamath Falls, Or., will be discussed at a conference of rail officials in Chicago, December 10.

The conference will be attended by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific; Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, and Chas. Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific, it was announced here.

Involved is the question whether the Great Northern and Northern Pacific may contract for use of the Southern Pacific tracks from Paulina, Or., into Klamath Falls or build their own line as an extension of the Oregon Trunk.

College Building Fund Is Favored.

Spokane, Wash.—Indications that sufficient funds to complete the unfinished building program at Washington State college will be asked of the next legislature by Governor Hartley was given here by A. R. Gardner, state director of efficiency. With Governor Hartley and Olaf L. Olson, state director of business control, Mr. Gardner stopped here after having spent a day at Pullman in conference with the state college board of regents upon the budget.

Nine Lose Lives When Tug Explodes

Anacortes, Wash.—Nine lives was the toll of a new tragedy of the sea which occurred when the steam tug Bahada was wrecked while towing a log raft between Anacortes and Bell Ingham. The craft was sunk by a terrific boiler explosion.

