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## PALMER ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HOUSER

### Vice-President of Grain Corporation Asks That Government Make Probe of Grand Jury Report.

## ORDER ISSUED

### District Attorney in Portland Instructed to Make Thorough Investigation; Houser Wants Findings Aired.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—By Associated Press.—Attorney General Palmer has directed United States District Attorney Humphreys at Portland to make a full and thorough investigation of the charges against Max H. Houser, vice-president of the United States Grain corporation, which were returned recently by the federal grand jury at Spokane.

The order from Washington is made at Houser's request that the alleged fraudulent dealings with which he was charged be exposed to an open investigation by the government. Houser said that he could not permit the findings of the grand jury to go unchallenged and asked the federal attorney for an investigation. He stated that he wanted the same publicity given to the results of the investigation as was accorded to the grand jury's insinuations.

The report of the grand jury in Spokane was to the effect that Houser made use of his connection with the United States Grain corporation and that by manipulation and juggling he secured the sale of grain to corporations of which he had been formerly owner to immense advantage to himself and associates.

An open statement was made by Houser after the report in which he disclosed figures which contradicted those which are alleged to have been used as a basis for the grand jury's report. Houser stated that the whole affair was merely an attempt for partisan reasons to discredit the organization of which he was one of the leading figures.

## New Classified

FOR SALE—Gilt edge farm securities. Interest 6 per cent, payable semi-annually. Amounts \$100 or more. Phone 74, Barney Hecker, 108 W. 2nd St., Albany, Ore.

NOTICE—Lot owners in Riverside Cemetery wishing to have their lots improved and cared for this spring, please see C. M. Hurd, the sexton, or B. Barteher, Supt. at the Albany Furniture Exchange.

FOR SALE—A man's bicycle. Inquire at 231 South Washington Street, Phone 517-R.

WANTED—A girl to work. Apply Globe Theatre Office.

THREE FRESH loaves of bread for 25 cents at the Albany Bakery, 321 Lyon Street. Phone 499-J.

FOR SALE—Good 10-room house, modern conveniences, near heart of city; full lot. Must sell this month, and will sacrifice at a real bargain. Inquire at 218 West Third St.

NOTICE—As we have just purchased 250 more hens of the J. A. Hanson strain, white leghorn and are enlarging our incubator capacity will now be able to take orders for a few thousand more early chicks; can also look you for hatching eggs of quality. Price \$8.00 per 100. Chicks \$17.50 per 100. We will have 2,000 chicks every Sunday ready for Monday delivery. Visitors are welcome. Phone 601-F-2, Tangent, Oregon.

FOR SALE—6 room bungalow with three lots, barn, garage, fruit, located in East Albany, \$2,000, \$500 down. Terms to suit. Also 60 acres, 7 miles from Albany on easy terms. R. B. Dove, 231 North Main St., Phone 738 J.

WANTED—Two waitresses at O. K. Restaurant on First Street.

FOR SALE—A new garage, 12x21. Easy to move will sell below cost if taken soon. Phone 221 Y., Address 1433, Santiam rd.

FOR SALE—Five-room house, cheap, without lot. Call at 705 East Third St., Phone 296-R.

FOR SALE—7 good milk cows giving milk, J. D. W. A. 5 miles S. E. Tangent.

Parties who have not tickets to Father & Son banquet this evening, can get the same at St. Francis Hotel.

## PROSECUTION RESTS IN I. W. W. MURDER TRIAL

MONTESSANO, Feb. 18.—By A. P.—State rested today at 11 o'clock in the armistice day murder trial. Vandever announced that he would move for directed verdicts of dismissal for all of the defendants, particularly Bert Faulkner, Elmer Smith and Mike Sheehan, whom he insists have not been connected up with the shooting.

## GIFT OF \$12,100 IS MADE TO ALBANY COLLEGE; SUM IS APPLIED ON DEBT

### Mrs. Jacob Kamm Gives Check to President Williams

On his return from Portland this morning President A. M. Williams, of Albany College, announced in chapel that Mrs. Jacob Kamm, of Portland, had yesterday handed him a check for \$12,000.00. \$10,000 of this will be applied on the indebtedness of the college contracted during the endowment campaign several years ago.

This is the second large amount of the week coming to Albany College a check of \$7,500 having been received Monday, and which also was applied on the debt. Two years ago the pressing indebtedness of the college amounted to \$34,500, carried by banks and individuals. A year ago \$4,500 was paid on the principal and this week \$17,500 paid on the principal. President Williams expressed the hope that the present financial campaign would enable the college to be free from debt in a reasonably short period.

Mrs. Jacob Kamm is the daughter of the late W. H. Grey, author of Gray's "History of Oregon." She was born at Warlatpu, the mission station of Marcus Whitman, and is modestly loyal to the facts of history that saved the Oregon country to the American republic. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland, one of the benefactors of the Y. W. C. A., and other Christian enterprises in the northwest. She made her promise of this handsome gift to President Williams on last Friday, the 13th of the month. In doing so Mrs. Kamm said, "I think we ought to have a strong Presbyterian college at Albany." Yesterday when she fulfilled her promise she said to Mr. Williams, "Keep me informed on everything you do in the college."

M. E. Lee and Senator E. W. Haines of the Inland Empire Boat and Truck Company are in the city today carrying on work connected with the establishing of a river line between this city and Portland. They report that at Oregon City, Salem, Corvallis, Eugene and other points that they have met with enthusiastic receptions and that there seems to be but little difficulty in the way of securing the promises they desire in opening a line between Corvallis and the metropolis.

The truck delivery feature is a strong point that is winning them adherents and will prove a great convenience to the merchants shipping freight.

## BRIDE OF A YEAR ASKS FOR DIVORCE

Alleging that at the present time Leroy O. Mowan is living under an assumed name in Portland and refuses to support her, Nellie O. Mowan, formerly Nellie Smith of Crabtree, a bride of little more than a year filed suit for divorce today in the circuit court here. Alimony of \$100 a month is asked.

## HANDWRITING IN MISSIVES MAY BECOME FACTOR IN ASSAULT CASE

### Experts May be Asked to Determine Whether Weaver Wrote Mysterious Notes Received by Lingofelter.

## CASE IS PUZZLING

### Alibi Offered by Man Accused as Assailant Withstands Investigation; Release may be Ordered Soon.

Handwriting experts in Portland may be called upon by the authorities here to aid in determining the identity of the person who sent the mysterious threatening letters to Herbert Lingofelter and which are believed to have bearing in the curious case of assault upon Lingofelter last Friday evening which is puzzling the officials here.

The letters are printed by hand in pen and ink and the initial W is the only signature attached. Specimens of the handwriting of R. W. Weaver, who has been identified by Lingofelter as his assailant, will be compared to the threatening by the experts in Portland.

The only direct evidence connecting Weaver with the crime is the positive identification by Lingofelter. Proof that the threatening letters were written by him, if it should be established would serve only as another circumstantial link in the case against him. Other evidence of this nature is based upon trouble between the two men which is said to have occurred several times in the past.

The alibi offered by Weaver, who is still in the county jail is apparently a strong one and substantiated by reliable witnesses. Weaver stated at the time of his arrest that he was at the Auto-show ball and the Odd Fellows hall during the entire evening of February 13. He has maintained this story and furnished names of persons who saw him at both places.

Unless other evidence is forthcoming soon it is possible that Weaver's release may be ordered soon and that the matter be allowed to await possible action of the grand jury. So far there have been no witnesses come forward who can in any way throw light upon the encounter that took place when Lingofelter was assaulted.

Authorities place little credence on the rumor that a friendship between Mrs. Lingofelter and Weaver could in any way be connected with the assault. Wife of victim was visiting her mother in California who is desperately ill at the time it happened. She returned at once on learning of the affair and went directly to her husband's bedside at the St. Mary's hospital.

A tentative date for the preliminary hearing has been set for a week from today. Weaver is represented by L. L. Swan.

## BANQUET TAKES PLACE TONIGHT

The Father and Son banquet takes place tonight at the St. Francis hotel in Albany beginning at 6:45 o'clock. Several hundred are expected to attend.

## IMPOSSIBLE WILL BE ATTEMPTED BY MAGICIAN TONIGHT

Inch planks of tested Douglas fir and hundreds of spikes were used in the construction of the heavy reinforced packing case from which the uncanny prestigator Blackstone will attempt to emerge tonight with in a few seconds after the audience on the stage have seen him put inside and securely nailed up.

Failure will result in the payment of \$50 by the magician to the Albany Sign company who have accepted his challenge made last night to construct a box which is guaranteed to be proof against his attempts at escape.

The magician will be tied, placed in the box on the center of the stage and the cover nailed on by spectators.

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## REPORT MADE ON CONFERENCE AGREEMENT OF RAILROAD BILL

### Provides That Wages Established by Government Administration Remain Effective Until Sept. 1.

## MEETING IS CALLED

### Employees of 15 Railroad Organizations Call Meeting for Tonight to Discuss the Conference Report on Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—By Associated Press.—The conference reported on the railroad bill was presented here today in the senate. It provides that the wages established by the United States Railroad administration continue effective until September 1 and also that the present rates continue until then.

The restriction on wage increases is especially interesting in the light of the recent demands for increase. A meeting of the 15 railroad employees organizations will be held tonight to consider the conference on the pending bill and determine its effect upon the recent agreement with President Wilson regarding the demands for wage increases.

## WILSON DISREGARDED BLISS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—General March, told the house investigating committee here today that American troops were sent into Russia and Siberia by President Wilson against the advice of General Tasker Bliss, while Bliss was a member of the allied Supreme council.

March said, "I don't suppose, however, that President Wilson would disregard a strictly military proposal from Bliss."

## FIVE DROWNED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Five enlisted men were drowned in the sinking of a naval barge off Cuba yesterday and two other lives lost in the capsizing of a motor dory from the U. S. S. Hovey last Sunday at Harwich island.

## MACCABEES HOLD SMOKER THURSDAY

Maccabees will hold a smoker Thursday evening in their hall, which will be featured by talks from State Commander J. W. Sherwood and Circuit Judge George W. Stapleton of Portland. There will be boxing and wrestling and other entertainments. Judge Biyeu, Willard Marks, deputy district attorney and Sheriff Kendall are also expected to speak.

## MCADOO FORBIDS USE OF NAME ON BALLOTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—By Associated Press.—William Gibbs McAdoo announced here today that he would not permit the use of his name on presidential primary ballots in the various states. He said he advocated sending uninstructed delegates to the Democratic convention. He also added that he did not believe the national interest should be submerged in the contest of individual candidates.

## TANGENT CITIZENS GIVE GENEROUSLY TO ARMENIAN FUND

Tangent citizens lead the communities of the county on the Armenian drive for funds as far as reported. On last Friday evening a public program was conducted resulting in securing \$150 for the cause. The cause. The committee then followed up their efforts by making a personal canvass in the school district and increased the fund to \$233.30.

Rev. J. B. Needham acted as chairman of the committee and is entitled to great credit for his efforts. The next best report was received from Miss Anna Theissen of Mill City who reported \$128.00 received from a small district. The total amount to be raised in the county is listed as \$5000. Chairman M. Senders, reports that some towns and localities are not coming up to expectation and that special effort will be necessary to raise the amount of money that is so necessary to support a worthy cause.

## ALBANY MAN IS TAKEN BY DEATH

### Lawrence S. Wynne Employed at Worth's, Dies Suddenly Tuesday

Lawrence S. Wynne, who has been employed in Worth's Department Store for the last two years, died suddenly last night at his home on Fifth and Ellsworth Streets. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Wynne had had touches of heart trouble before, but he was in apparently good health yesterday and attended to his business as usual. Last evening he ate a hearty meal and after dinner played with his dog for a few minutes. He remarked that he had a slight pain over his heart and Mrs. Wynne made him a hot poultice and he started to bed. When he reached the side of the bed he fell over and died.

He was born in Missouri Sept. 30, 1859 and came west in 1864 with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Wynne, who settled in Union County. His father was one of the first physicians in that part of the country and was well known by early pioneers.

In 1886 the family moved to the Willamette Valley locating at Eugene and then at Cottage Grove. Mr. Wynne during his life lived in Washington, Idaho and Oregon and for 20 years prior to his coming to Albany on Oct. 11, 1917 he lived in Baker, where he was in business part of the time. He was interested in the mining industry and was assisting in

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## The Democrat Presidential Straw Ballot

Vote for one, placing X before name.

Hoover
Wood
McAdoo
Johnson
Lowden
Palmer
Pershing
Gerard
Bryan

My party affiliation is

Name

Address

(Cut out, and mail or bring to The Democrat office. Mark envelopes "Straw Ballot.")

## BRYAN ADHERENTS DEMAND HIS NAME ON STRAW BALLOT

### Admirers of "Peerless One" Protests Against His Omission

Numerous admirers of the "peerless one" appeared at the office of the Democrat today following the first publication of the Democrat's straw ballot yesterday and protested against the failure to place Bryan's name among the list of possible candidates for President.

The omission was intentional, made because Bryan's statement that he will not be a candidate. The name will be added to the list in future ballots, to indicate his standing.

Although an announcement is made in this issue that William Gibbs McAdoo will not permit his name to be used in the presidential primary ballots of the various states, his name will be left on the straw ballot published by the Democrat.

Considerable interest has already been displayed by the readers of the Democrat over the publication of the straw ballot which made its initial appearance in last evening's paper.

## FORMER ALBANY MAN DIES AT CORVALLIS

### William Ritchie, former well known Albany real estate man was found dead in his office in Corvallis yesterday morning, apoplexy having been assigned as the cause of the death.

Mr. Ritchie was about 60 years old. He was interested in the Western Oregon Land Co., and recently returned from Canada where he contracted a cold and rheumatism followed. He had been a resident of Corvallis for the last 10 years. Many friends in this city will regret the announcement of his sudden death.

Mr. Ritchie was born in Missouri Sept. 30, 1859 and came west in 1864 with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Wynne, who settled in Union County. His father was one of the first physicians in that part of the country and was well known by early pioneers.

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## ROBT. A. MURPHY ALBANY BUSINESS MAN CALLED BY DEATH LAST NIGHT

### Well Known Merchant and Pioneer Succumbs to Ailment in Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

## WAS 60 YEARS OLD

### Took Prominent Part in Civic Affairs; Was Member of Linn County Volunteers in Indian War.

Robert A. Murphy, resident of Albany continuously for the past forty-two years and one of the city's leading business men and most respected citizens, died at ten o'clock last night in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland at the age of sixty years.

Mr. Murphy went to the hospital in Portland on February 4th and underwent two operations. His son-in-law W. V. Merrill, was with him during all the time.

Mr. Murphy was born at Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, State of New York and came to Albany when he was eighteen years of age. He had lived in this city ever since. He was engaged in various occupations until fifteen years ago when he established a seed and feed business here under the name of Murphy Seed Store. He developed this into a large business and was conducting it successfully at the time of his death.

In every sense of the term, Mr. Murphy was a self-made man. He left home at an early age to make his own way in the world and by consistent earnest effort became a successful business man. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of the people of Albany among whom he had lived and worked for more than four decades and leaves a wide circle of friends.

Probably few, if any, men in Albany had more real personal friends than he. Mr. Murphy was a prominent member of the Albany Lodge of Elks.

Mr. Murphy served with a company of Albany men in the Bannock Indian War of 1878.

Mr. Murphy was married in Albany in August, 1878 to Susan Jane Custer who survives him, after a happy wedded life of over 41 years. He is also survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. V. Merrill of this city.

The funeral will be held in the Elks Temple here next Friday afternoon, February 20th, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. George H. Young will officiate at the service and the funeral will be conducted by the local lodge of Elks.

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## MAYOR MAY PLACE

### Ban on Meetings

Mayor L. M. Curl today announced that unless the epidemic of influenza shows some signs of abatement that he will place a ban on public gatherings. He requests the public to remain away from public places as a precautionary measure and to take the best possible care of the person to ward off the disease. There is no particular cause today, the total being 41, but caution is urged against the spread of the disease.

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