

## GRAND JURY WILL INVESTIGATE THE CHARGES AGAINST TREASURER HOFF

At Request of Accused Governor Olcott Directs Attorney General Brown to Con-  
Special Body.

### REPORT CAUSES PROBE

Purchase of Bonds From  
Portland Firm at Higher  
Than Market Price is Basis  
for the Charges Brought.

SALEM, Mar. 8.—By Associated Press.—At the request of State Treasurer O. P. Hoff, Governor Olcott today directed Attorney General Brown to call a special grand jury to investigate the purchase of securities by Hoff with funds of the state Industrial Accident Commission. Particular reference was made to the purchase of bonds of the city of Warrenton, Reedsport, Monmouth, Oakland, Ontario, Yamhill, Rainier and the port of Bay City. The request is the result of charges that have been published against Hoff by The Portland Telegram in which the state treasurer is virtually accused of handling a enormous profit to a bond house in Portland through the purchase of bonds at a higher figure than their market valuation.

Hoff made a statement answering the charges in which he averred that the books were open to public inspection and that no improper use had been made by him of any of the funds under his department. The grand jury will be convened within a short time and the whole matter laid before them with the view of securing to determination of the case. Request for the investigation came today from Hoff and it was agreed to by the governor at once. Attorney General Brown will lay the case before the jurors and it is considered certain that Hoff will go before the body also and explain the alleged irregularities.

## UNIQUE TRUST FUND STARTED

Seamstress Deposits Sum in  
Bank for Benefit of  
Girl Student

Mrs. L. P. Christensen, Glaze, a former seamstress of this city and at present a resident of North Albany has deposited the sum of \$100 in the First Savings bank of Albany to be held in trust with the stipulation that the interest each year be awarded as a prize to the girl attending the high school who is most proficient in needle work.

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### New Classified

LOST—Camio branch in downtown district Saturday. Reward, finder notify Mrs. John Bassett, 1240 Ferry, Phone 502-R. 8m10

FOR SALE—Progressive everbearing strawberry plants, Phone 500-R, or call Mrs. Ralph Murphy, 434 Baker St., Albany, Ore. 8m15

HELP WANTED—Man to drive truck and help with other work. Steady place. Call at 1433 Santiam Road. m8\*

LOST—A plum-colored silk glove between Hotel Albany and First Presbyterian church Sunday morning. Kindly leave at the hotel for Mrs. Ross. m8\*

WANTED—Young man or woman to clerk in store and help keep the books. Inquire at Democrat office. 1m6\*

FURNITURE WANTED—We want all kinds of furniture, stoves, ranges, etc. Will buy any quantity and pay highest cash price. See us if you have anything to sell. Albany Furniture Exchange, 415-417 West First St., Phone 75-J. 12tf

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### "ONCE AGAIN" SAYS VETERAN CHIEF OF THREE SCORE YEARS

After 35 years continual service as peace officer in Linn county, Johnnie Catlin, aged 66, present chief of police stated today that he would again be candidate for office at the coming elections. "Sink or swim, I'll stand by the helm to the last," said the doughty veteran of '61 in making his announcement public.

## PROMINENT LOCAL WOMAN IS TAKEN BY DEATH SUNDAY

Mrs. Cora Jones Is  
Stricken With  
Pneumonia

Mrs. Cora Jones, pioneer resident of Albany, passed away at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Daly of this city. Death came from pneumonia following an attack of pleurisy. The deceased has lived here for the past 20 years and was well known throughout the community.

Five children survive. They are B. R. Westbrook, of Albany, manager of the Albany hotel, F. H. Westbrook and Levi Westbrook of San Jose, California, Mrs. Ed MacFarland of Albany and Mrs. E. J. Daly also of this city. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at the Formiller funeral chapel at 2 o'clock. Rev. G. H. Young will officiate. Interment will be at Riverside cemetery.

## ARMY STORE TO OPEN IN ALBANY

Surplus Supplies of  
Foods Will be  
Sold

Announcement was made today that an army sales store will be opened in this city Wednesday at 107 Lyon street under the supervision of J. T. Conway of Portland.

Food and clothing supplies will be on sale at much lower than ordinary prices. Bacon in 12 pound cans will be sold for 23 cents a tin and wool blankets at \$5 and \$6 a piece. Linen towels, rubber goods, wool and cotton socks, are among some of the other commodities on display.

## PORTLAND TRIP BEING PLANNED

Ladies of this city are invited to be guests of Mrs. Humphreys who has been demonstrating Oregon manufactured products, in Albany for several weeks, on an excursion to Portland next Friday, where they will be entertained by Portland manufacturers. Automobiles will be furnished to take the ladies to all of the different plants of the city and a fine banquet furnished at the noon hour. Only expense will be the railroad fare. Those desiring to go are requested to notify Mrs. Humphreys, at the Hyman and Jackson store, or the St. Francis hotel, not later than Wednesday evening.

## STATE BEGINS THE REBUTTAL

MONTESANO, Mar. 8.—By Associated Press.—The state produced witnesses at the I. W. W. trial today in rebuttal of the testimony of William Spears and John Patterson. Deputy Sheriff McFadden, of Kittitas county testified that he did not advise Spears not to testify. Neighbors of Patterson according to the witness said that they had heard him say he saw nothing of the shooting.

## LOCATOR SOUGHT FOR OREGON LAND

Albany Chamber of Commerce is asked to furnish recommendation for a locator who will be able to handle a party of from 20 to 30 men who are expected to go to this state in May for the purpose of filing on Oregon-California land which has been opened for settlement. The request is from N. E. Bateman of War Risk Insurance company and avers that a party of service men seeking land under the new government will be here before May 20.

## COMPROMISE ON RESERVATIONS HELD POSSIBLE IN THE LATEST NOTE OF WILSON TO HITCHCOCK

OBJECTIONS SAID TO BE REPEATED BUT NOT IN SUCH LANGUAGE AS TO DISSUADE DEMOCRATIC SENATORS FROM CONTINUING THEIR EFFORTS AT COMPROMISE.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—By Associated Press.—President Wilson's letter to Senator Hitchcock on the question of the peace treaty is understood to repeat his objections to the republican reservations but not in such language as to dissuade the democratic senators from continuing their efforts at arriving at a compromise agreeable to both sides.

Administration officials said that President Wilson had discussed the Taft reservation on article 10 with Senator Glass. While Wilson did not state his approval of the proposed reservation still he did not say that he would not accept it. It was commonly rumored about the White House today that the president would not accept the Lodge reservation to article 10 as was approved in the senate last week. It is expected that the full contents of the letter to Hitchcock would be revealed soon.

Naval Bases on Coast Urged  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—By A. P.—Extensive development of naval bases and facilities on the Pacific coast were urged before the House Naval committee by Secretary Daniels today. Among the recommendations were the establishment of a submarine station and destroyer base at Astoria and Pot Angeles, the enlargement of the naval yards at Bremerton and the establishment of a fuel and supply base at Alaska.

Railroad Conference to Begin  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—By A. P.—Representatives of the railroad brotherhoods will meet in Washington Wednesday to begin negotiations for the settlement of wage demands. Fifteen executive heads will represent the brotherhoods and a committee of nine representing the corporations. Spokesmen on both sides anticipate a long fight. The corporation officials said they would cooperate in the conference as far as the revenue of the roads would permit in the granting of increased wages.

Tax Held Unconstitutional  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—By A. P.—The supreme court decided that the provisions of the income tax of 1916 taxing as income the dividends declared by corporations accruing subsequently to Mar. 1, 1913 unconstitutional.

## DEPENDENTS SAVE CANDIDATE OUT MAN LARGE FINE FOR PROSECUTOR

Frank Parrish Escapes With  
\$25 Penalty Before  
Local Court

Frank Parrish, proprietor of a livery stable at Lebanon was given a fine of \$25 this morning by Justice Victor Oliver of Albany on his plea of guilty to a violation of the prohibition law. Parrish was arrested by Sheriff Kendal of Albany Saturday night and what is said to have been a complete equipment for the manufacture of beer seized. Several dozen bottles of the product were also taken.

Because of the fact that Parrish has 14 children, 11 of who reside at home and are dependent upon their father for support the fine was reduced to the minimum. Parrish promised the court to discontinue his operations in the future. He said that he made the beer for his own use to help the stronger fluids of the pre-dry days which he stated were necessary for his good health.

According to Sheriff Kendal Parrish has been conducting a traffic in illicit liquor for a lengthy period. Evidence was found in the stable that the manufacture of beer had been conducted in a wholesale manner.

## ESTATE PETITION IS FILED TODAY

Petition of Florence J. Everett was filed in the county court today asking for her appointment as administratrix to the estate of the late Charles E. Everett of Seio. The estate is valued at \$1500.

## MINNESOTA WINS BOUNDARY CASE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—By Associated Press.—Minnesota won the suit in the Supreme court against the state of Wisconsin to determine the boundary between the states.

## PRICE OF SUGAR TAKES A TUMBLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 8.—By Associated Press.—Cane Sugar dropped from 15 to 14 cents today on account of large Cuban receipts in New York according to the announcement made by the refineries.

## SUIT FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT

Suit was filed in the circuit court today by C. C. Bryant against Lynn Houston for the payment of \$312.60 alleged to be due on a promissory note

### STORM SWEEP STATES PROCLAIM HOLIDAY TO DIG SELVES OUT

BOSTON, Mar. 8.—By Associated Press.—"Digging out" holiday has been proclaimed by several northern New England states cut off from the rest of the world by the storm Saturday. Situation in Maine and Vermont most serious in years. Hundreds of small cities are marooned and problem of feeding refugees is critical.

## NATIONAL SESSION OF THE LEGION TO CONSIDER "BONUS"

Meeting Has Been Called to Discuss Issue

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Mar. 7.—By Associated Press.—Frank D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, announced tonight that a conference of legionnaires of all states would be held in Washington March 22 for reconsideration of the so-called "bonus question."

Mr. D'Olier was en route to Indianapolis from Birmingham, Ala., where he attended Saturday a meeting of American Legion commanders of ten southern states, at which resolutions asking that such a conference be called were adopted. The resolutions also ask that congress delay action until after the meeting. Telegraphic calls to attend the meeting were sent to all state commanders tonight.

The resolutions asked reconsideration on the ground that "it was the announced policy of the American Legion to ask only such treatment as is consistent with the welfare of the whole country and at the same time just and fair" to ex-service men. Expedition by congress of legislation recommended by the legion and providing for land settlement covering all states, home aid, to encourage the purchase of rural or city homes by ex-service men, and vocational education for all service men was urged.

## AVIATOR REACHES GOAL IN SAFETY

Major Albert D. Smith, army aviator, who passed over Albany Saturday morning en route to San Diego arrived there at 8:58 Saturday night. Smith reported an excellent trip with one slight mishap which occurred early in the flight when he became lost in the fog over Eugene and was compelled to return to Albany refuel.

Smith landed in Albany at about 7:15 in the morning and after securing gasoline here and 10 gallons of Zerefine from the Standard Oil service station in this city continued on his flight. He reached Red Bluffs at 1:00 o'clock and San Francisco at 3:30.

## SALE OF INDIES IS HOTLY DENIED

LONDON, Mar. 8.—By Associated Press.—Lloyd George announced in the house of commons today that Great Britain had no intention of selling any part of the British West Indies to the United States as a part payment for their debt.

## INDEPENDENCE IS ASKED AT SESSION

MANILLA, Mar. 8.—By Associated Press.—Extra session of the legislature adjourned today after adopting a resolution pleading for immediate independence.

## HIGH SCHOOL TO HOLD RECEPTION

A reception in honor of the football and basketball teams will be given tonight at the Senior High school. A varied program has been arranged for the amusement of the guests.

From Tangent—J. H. Scott, of near Tangent was an Albany visitor this afternoon. Mr. Scott states that the influenza has been the worst in his section he has ever known but all better at present.

## AMERICAN BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY MEXICAN OUTLAW SOUTH OF BORDER

Joseph Williams, Mining man  
Seized by Villa; \$50,000  
Ransom is Asked for his  
Release.

### TRAIN IS HELD UP

Guards are Slain and Passengers Stripped of Clothing; Villa Himself Kills Pullman Car Conductor.

EL PASO, Mar. 8.—By Associated Press.—Joseph Williams, employee of the American Smelting & Refining company at Pedricena, Mexico, is a captive in the hands of Villa and being held for a \$50,000 ransom, according to passengers reaching Juarez today. Williams is an overseas veteran and was returning to the United States to take treatment for an ailment resulting from his having been gassed in France. The train on which he was returning from Mexico City was held up Thursday near Corralitos, about 400 miles south of the American border.

In the battle that ensued between the armed Villistas and the guards defending the train 19 of the latter were slain. Ten of Villias band were killed before the resistance of the train was abandoned. The pullman car conductor was slain by Villa himself while defending his coaches.

Williams and an Arabian merchant were taken by the outlaws in departing. The other passengers were stripped of their valuables and their clothes and left naked on the desert. Villa announced before leaving that he would hold Williams until \$50,000 had been paid over to him by his employers or the United States government.

It is expected here that this latest outrage may lead to another punitive expedition going into Mexico in search of Villa. The bandit chieftain is believed to have a strong band under his control at the present time.

## OPENING MINING REGION PLANNED

Reorganization of Santiam  
Mining District is  
Under Way

Preliminary steps toward the reorganization of the Santiam mining district were undertaken Saturday at a meeting held in the Marion county courthouse at Salem attended by representative men from that district. J. J. Langmack was elected chairman of the tentative organization formed and A. C. Larson, secretary. H. H. Lotz called the meeting to order.

Nearly all the mines from the Santiam district sometimes called the Lester and Elkhorn district had representatives at the gathering. Purpose of the meeting was presented by H. H. Lotz. He stated that for the good of all concerned reorganization of the district looking toward the building of roads and the construction of bridges making it possible to open the eastern part of Marion county was necessary. Other talks were made by some of those present.

The county commissioners seemed more than willing to meet the mining men half way.

A committee of three was appointed to go into the road question and everything pertaining to the organizing of the district. The chairman appointed William LaFore, W. I. Staley and Judge William Risley to act as that committee.

The suggestion was made by Mr. Lotz that no one knows what the Lester mining district is and suggested that it would be a good idea to change the name to the Santiam mining district of Marion county. On the suggestion of Otto Hanson, members of the county court, including Judge W. M. Bushey were called in and Judge Bushey explained himself in regard to aid on the road, outlining the necessary red tape that would have to be gone through to secure funds.