

SCHOOL INTERIOR IS MUTILATED BY ADMINISTRATION OF FRESH PAINT

Unknown Culprits Under Cover of Darkness Give Auditorium of Medford School Coat of Fluid.

AUTHORITIES STUMPED

Believed to be Work of Students Directed Against Superintendent for Recent Dismissal of Teachers.

MEDFORD, Mar. 25.—By Associated Press—Some time after the school board meeting last night, the high school building was opened by removing the doors from their hinges and the school auditorium completely plastered with a coat of gray paint.

The desks, seats, walls and the floor were liberally drenched with the paint and several bucketsful of the fluid was poured over the raised platform used for speakers. School was conducted however today in spite of the disaster. Other rooms were improvised which took the place of the mutilated auditorium.

The authorities have no intimation as to who the culprits are but they believe it is the work of the students who are attempting to retaliate against School Superintendent William Davenport and avenge themselves for the discharge of a score of teachers.

No knowledge of when the work in the building was done has been gained as yet. All that is known is that it was perpetrated between the time of the meeting of the board last night and the opening of the doors at the school today.

There has been considerable propaganda going around among the students directed at Superintendent Davenport. The students have espoused the cause of the teachers who were discharged recently and it is rumored held Davenport responsible for the dismissals. The school board announced today that the culprits will be dealt with severely when they are located.

FORMER ALBANY WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. D. W. Wakefield Dies Suddenly; Funeral Will Be Held Here

Mrs. D. W. Wakefield died very suddenly at her home at the Mallory Hotel, Portland yesterday, March 24.

Sarah Miller Wakefield was born in Birmingham, Iowa, June 18, 1841 the daughter of Dr. William and Weltha Norris Miller pioneers of that state. She came to Oregon with her parents in the great immigration of 1852 and spent the early years of her girlhood in Albany.

She was united in marriage to D. W. Wakefield in 1860 removing a few years later to Portland, which has

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New Classified

FOR SALE — One six-horse power portable gas engine. Used but a short time. Has magneto. Will take good Jersey heifer calf or two year old Jersey cow on payment. Clifford Harold, Care of Vick Brothers. 25m27.

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching from O. A. C. heavy laying strain Banded Rocks. Price \$1.00 per 15. Pen No. 2, price 75 cents. Mrs. A. M. Rorer, 1232 Front St. Albany. 24m27.

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. 2122f

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INVESTIGATION OF GASOLINE RAISE WILL BE ORDERED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—By Associated Press—Favorable report was ordered by the house judiciary committee today on the resolution directing the federal trade commission to make an immediate investigation of the recent advances in the price of fuel oil, kerosene and gasoline.

WOOD CERTAIN OF NOMINATION

Latest Returns Give Him a Big Lead

SIOUX FALLS, Mar. 25.—By Associated Press—Latest primary election returns on the republican presidential endorsement compiled from 1354 precincts out of 1740 or about nine tenths of the vote of the state given General Leonard Wood what is considered a commanding lead.

The figures show that Wood has received 27,540 votes, Lowden is next with 24,937 and Hiram Johnson last with 22,974. County today shows that Wood is drawing further away from his opponents as the reports are received. Final vote is expected by tonight.

The terrific storm that has swept the Dakotas during the past week is making it difficult to get the reports in. In many places the wires are down and the telegraphic service out.

FRUIT COMPANY MAY INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK

Notice of Meeting on Subject is Given

Notice has been given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit Growers Canning Company will be held at the office of the company in the City of Puyallup, Pierce County Washington, on Saturday, the 10th day of April, 1920, at the hour of two o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering and voting upon the proposition to increase the capital stock of the corporation from \$600,000.00 to \$1,500,000.00.

NEW DAUGHTER IS GIVEN SERENADE

Prof. Albert Perfect, leader of the high school band, is a proud and happy man today as the result of the arrival of a baby daughter at his home yesterday morning. Both Mrs. Perfect and baby are getting along fine. Last evening members of the high school band gathered at Prof. Perfect's home and presented him with a tiny rine. The presentation was made by Harold Sox, president of the band. The band will go to Corvallis April 9 to give a concert at the high school in that city in return for the recent concert played here.

GENERAL DEPUTY VISITS MACCABEES

Maccabees of Oregon, are to be honored by an official visit from general deputy E. P. Frye of Detroit Michigan, some time the first of April according to a communication received by local record keeper E. C. Smith. The general deputy is to be in Salem about the 6th of April. As an inducement for attendance free transportation is offered to any member who will secure a new member before the close of the month, for a one or two thousand dollar twenty year policy.

AGED RESIDENT DIES SUDDENLY

F. R. Crosby, age 92 years and a resident of Albany for the past 30 years died at his home 240 East Fourth street this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He is survived by one daughter who lives in Hood River. Funeral services will be announced later.

LOCAL ATTORNEY SELLS HIS HOME

The residence of E. L. Swan at 130 East Louth street has been sold to C. B. Earl of this city. Mr. Swan will move into the former home of Mrs. Cora E. Hopkins which he purchased recently, about May 1.

SANGUINARY FIGHTING RESUMED IN RUHR DISTRICT BETWEEN THE SPARTICANS AND EBERT FORCES

TEMPORARY TRUCE ABANDONED ACCORDING TO REPORT WHICH SAYS THAT REDS HAVE ARMY NOW OF 120,000 MEN; MESSAGES SAY NEW GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED WITH GUSTAV BAUER AS PREMIER.

THE HAGUE, Mar. 25.—By Associated Press—Fighting has been resumed in the Ruhr district where it was understood that a truce had existed according to messages which have been received by the Telegraaf, which aver further that the Spartacans are nearing the stronghold of Wesel.

A Munster dispatch to Rotterdam says that the army of the Reds now number 120,000 men. So far the troops of the revolutionists have met with very little opposition from the Ebert forces. They have been victorious everywhere they have struck.

A telephone message from the commander of the Ebert troops at Wesel this morning to Buderich in Rhenish Prussia reported that complete quiet was prevailing temporarily but that the stronghold was being besieged by the revolutionary troops and that an outbreak of hostilities might commence any minute. He stated that the temporary truce was not because

of any peace between the forces but simply a lull in the firing occasioned the exhaustion on both sides.

New Cabinet Is Formed

BERLIN, Mar. 25.—By Associated Press—The New German cabinet reconstructed as a result of yesterday's negotiations, will be headed by Gustave Bauer, present premier, according to the morning post today.

Agreement Has Been Reached

PARIS, Mar. 25.—German government has reached a definite agreement with the workman of Ruhr valley, where the general strike has been paralyzing industry and where the hostility between soldiers and workers has been in progress for several days according to the news which has reached here from a semi-official source in Berlin. Amsterdam dispatches received here quote the Telegraaf saying that the new cabinet had been announced with Gustave Bauer as the premier.

FRUIT COMPANY HAS GOOD YEAR

Sales Are Double Those of Last Year; Unusual Record Made

Unusual growth and development has been achieved by the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit Growers Canning company during the past year according to the figures recorded in the annual report to the stockholders of the company which was made public recently.

Increase of sales in the manufacturing departments of the concern for 1919 over 1918 is more than equal to the total output for the former year. Total sales in 1919 amounted to \$3,160,240.43 as against \$1,330,741.94 for 1918. The gains are recorded chiefly in canned goods and jams, jellies and preserves. Sale of bulk goods diminished.

A summary of the annual financial statement shows that the net earnings of the concern were \$181,358.59 in addition to paying 7 per cent dividends on the Preferred stock. Of this amount \$73,142.80 goes to the government in the form of a tax. Gross resources of the concern are \$1,978,633.84.

Report shows that a nation wide demand has been established for the products of the company; that more than 800 stores are handling them in New York City and 328 stores carrying them in Chicago. Retail stores operated by the company showed a net profit of \$9,192.10 after 10 per cent interest on the actual capital invested had been charged off. These stores are in Puyallup, Sumner and Oring.

Announcement is made that the plant at Spokane has been dismantled and the equipment moved to the new plant at Albany. Report states that it is hoped to increase the capacity of this new plant to a large volume this year. Last year it did \$61,187.85 worth of business.

G. A. R. BANQUET DOOMS WOBBLIES

Sheriff Yates Takes Jurors to Feast and I. W. W.'s are Convicted

WALLA WALLA, Mar. 25.—Allegations that Sheriff Yates took the jurors to a G. A. R. Banquet after the case of three alleged members of the I. W. W. charged with violation of the state syndicalism act had been submitted to them and that Yates as a speaker at the banquet urged all patriots to rise up and stamp out the I. W. W. will be sued as a basis for motion for a new trial, according to the attorneys of the alleged I. W. W. who were convicted yesterday. The motion will be heard tomorrow.

LEGION FAVORS MILLAGE BILL

Resolution Approving Act is Passed at Meeting of Local Post

Members of the local post of The American Legion enthusiastically approved a resolution urging support for the Millage tax measure providing additional funds for the three large state institutions of learning, at their meeting in the armory last night.

Numerous of the members present spoke in favor of the measure both for the general good of the state at large and indirectly for ex-service men who might seek further education at the state colleges in the future. Resolution was offered by Elmer Williamson and unanimously approved by the body present.

An interesting talk was made at the meeting by Lieutenant A. C. Baker, who returned from France with the last troopship of A. E. F. forces. The speaker touched upon a number of interesting points connected with the closing of American activities in Europe. He availed his auditors when he voiced a regret that all could not have been in France when an American "Buck" private was drawing 3400 marks a month at the rate of German exchange that endured during the latter months of his stay in the occupied territory.

Award of the medals given by the state of Oregon to men in the service was conducted by Adjutant Edwin Fortmiller as well as the distribution of membership cards. Commander Riggs outlined the recent meeting of the state executive committee of The American Legion in Portland and the work that was being done by the soldier's organizations both in the state and nationally.

THOMAS LAWSON ARRESTED TODAY

Famous Market Broker Taken in Custody by State Officers

BOSTON, Mar. 25.—By Associated Press—The crusade of the Attorney General of Massachusetts against promoters and brokers who have exploiting silver stocks led to the arrest of Thomas W. Lawson today.

The arrest was made on a warrant charging violation of the state law regarding the filing of information regarding stock issues. Four counts were charged against Lawson. Four other operators and brokers were arrested yesterday.

RATIFICATION OF TREATY FAVORED IN RESOLUTION

BANGOR, Mar. 25.—By Associated Press—Ratification of the peace treaty with the reservations adopted by the senate is favored in a resolution presented by the Maine republicans at the state convention today.

WILSON ASKED FOR STATEMENT

Stated that He Should Declare His Position

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—By Associated Press—Both democrats and republicans cheered the statement made today in the house by Representative Humphreys, democrat, of Missouri, that President Wilson should make an immediate announcement that he is not a candidate for a third term.

Under no circumstances should Mr. Wilson ask for a third term, Humphreys said. He recommended the passage of an amendment to the constitution of the United States limiting presidential eligibility to one term.

BOY IS HELD FOR HUGE SUM

Abductors of Capitalist's Son Demand \$25000 Ransom

LEXINGTON, Kentucky, Mar. 25.—By Associated Press—Although E. R. Little, Lexington capitalist has announced that the ransom demanded will be paid, Paul Little, his 11 year old son is still a captive today.

The boy disappeared late yesterday afternoon from his home accompanied by an unknown white man. Information was later conveyed to the parents of the youth that his release could be effected by payment of \$25,000. Authorities are endeavoring to locate the boy's captors.

DAMAGES ASKED FOR BROKEN ARM

Lee Cox Presents Claim to Council for Arm Injured by Fall

Alleging that on the night of February 27 while he was walking along Broadalbin Street on the sidewalk paralleling Takema Park he tripped over a 20 pound boulder and fell in such a manner as to fracture his arm, Leo Cox a local insurance man last night presented a claim to the city council for \$250 damages to cover doctor and medical bills and compensation for loss of time from his work.

Cox states in his claim, which was filed by his attorneys, Weatherford & Wyatt, that he was walking along the sidewalk and did not see the rock which was in his path, and tripped, falling heavily. The council briefly discussed the claim and referred the matter to City Attorney Dan Johnston.

FARM BUREAU SILO TOUR

Members of the Farm Bureau of the Grand Prairie Grange invite farmers and town men interested in silos to make a tour of the Grand Prairie community tomorrow to study the silo business from start to finish. The trip is to be a social, inspection and educational trip with a picnic lunch at the grange hall at the noon hour. Proff E. B. Fitts of the O. A. C. is on the program for a short talk at each farm visited.

EX-PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT SALEM

William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, will be in Salem May 28 and will speak at the armory. Mr. Taft is coming to Salem under the auspices of the Affiliated Lyceum bureau and Robert C. Story, president of the Associated Student Body of Willamette university is responsible for the ex-president's appearance here.

While Mr. Taft's subject has not been definitely announced it is understood his address will deal with the political situation in the United States.

ANOTHER SEWER SOUGHT BY WEST END RESIDENTS; NEED IS GREAT

Petition Presented Council Asks for Construction of Trunk to Carry off Surplus Water in Winter.

PLANS ARE OUTLINED

W. S. Weaver is Lowest Bidder for Constructing Lateral Worn Out; Streets to be Graded and Gravelled.

Petitions for the construction of a trunk sewer in Calapooia Street from Fourteenth to Second and thence to the Calapooia river was presented to the city council at regular session last evening. The petition was signed by 31 of the property owners of that section of the city.

Councilman Owen Beam, of the committee on streets and public property, presented a graphic chart of the proposed sewer drawn by the County Surveyor Charles Leonard, together with figures and estimates on the cost of construction. The tentative plans as outlined call for a vitrified terra-cotta sewer 30 inches in diameter with a fall of 3 inches per 100 feet, which would have a carrying capacity of 9,320 gallons per minute. The cost of the proposed construction is \$34,021, which is a rough estimate and could probably be cut down 10 per cent by taking advantage of discounts allowed.

The matter came in for considerable discussion and it was decided to continue the matter until the next meeting before taking any action. There was some talk of putting the matter to a vote of the people.

It was pointed out that the southwest part of the city is greatly handicapped in the winter because of inadequate drainage of the low territory south of Eleventh Street, causing basements to fill and to create a perpetual nuisance. Property values are said to be kept down and residents

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FISH AND GAME BOARD AT WORK

Numerous Plans are Outlined By Local Commission in Albany

Santiam Fish and Game commission has received word that its application for 400,000 trout fry to be placed in the Santiam river and its tributaries had been accepted and that the fry would be supplied in the near future.

The commission is to receive fourteen crates of pheasants today from the state game commission. The birds will be liberated tomorrow on the farms of A. G. Propst, East of Albany and on that of A. Blevens, near Tangent. One hundred of the same breed were turned loose a month ago on the farm of J. R. Cartwright at Harrisburg.

The pheasants that are freed here are raised at the state game farm near Corvallis. The association intends to establish several game reserves in the county where similar birds may be turned at liberty and allowed to increase without being killed off by hunters.

Any farmer wishing to place his farm in the reserve can do so by signing an agreement to that effect with the state association. If sufficient reserves can be secured it will eliminate the necessity of a closed season and provide at the same time a more plentiful supply of game. Reserves are to be composed of adjacent farms or ranches and must contain at least 1000 acres.

The state commission has closed Pamela lake as a reserve for a period of two years. This body of water has been partially stocked with fish by the local association. Campaign against predatory animals in the Santiam Forest reserve by government hunters and trappers will begin on the first of April.