

STATE PRINTER SIGNS CONTRACT WITH UNION

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—Under a contract entered into today with the Allied Printing Trades council of Salem, State Printer Harris agreed to employ none but union printers and pressmen in the state printing office, at the union scale of wages.

Harris attached to the contract a notation that the agreement was not for a specified period and may be abrogated at any time.

Attorney General Crawford several months ago rendered a decision that a closed shop agreement was illegal because it was class legislation.

OIL PROMOTERS NOT GUILTY ASSERTS JURY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 12.—Four officers and promoters of the Cleveland Oil company were found not guilty today by a jury in the federal court here on charges of using the mails to defraud in connection with the promotion of oil properties in the California Midway fields. The men were Edson France, John Montgomery, Thomas Montgomery, and Grant Gillette. The jury was out forty hours.

CONVICTED WOMAN SWALLOWS POISON

WAHOO, Neb., Dec. 12.—Little hope was held out today for the recovery of Mrs. Maggie Johnson, who swallowed carbolic acid here last night when called into the courtroom to receive the verdict on a charge of slaying her husband at Ashland last August. The woman confessed to killing her husband and dismembering his body.

Mrs. Johnson was convicted of manslaughter and may be sentenced to from one to ten years' imprisonment. She received the verdict with apathy when it was returned this afternoon.

GERMAN SQUADRON FOR CANAL OPENING

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The foreign office today notified American Ambassador Gerard of Germany's acceptance of the invitation to send a warship squadron from the Fatherland to Panama when the canal is opened. The number of ships to be sent had not been decided upon. The announcement at this time was intended, it was believed, as an attempt to soften Germany's refusal to participate officially in the San Francisco exposition.

COUNCIL TO SUBMIT LIGHTING AMENDMENT

The city council will hold a special meeting tonight to pass an ordinance giving the voters the right to decide whether they want to ratify the original franchise contract with the electric light company, or select a new one. The franchise provides that the light company pay the city five per cent of the earnings for the first five years, and then by a \$20,000 payment be relieved of future payments. The five years expired a year ago and the \$20,000 was tendered and refused. Since there has been a deadlock, it is proposed to submit an amendment permitting a 25 year franchise instead of a ten year one. Though several conferences have been held no agreement has been reached.

The issue will be voted on January 13th at the city election.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—President Fred Stanley of the Central Oregon Irrigation company today submitted to the desert land board a proposition to turn over to the state for completion the second unit of the company's irrigation project in Crook county. The company has expended about \$225,000 on this unit, and it is estimated it will require about \$450,000 to complete it.

The proposition was submitted to the board at the suggestion of Governor West.

GAS THEIVES IN FOR VIGOROUS PROSECUTION

For some time past the Oregon Gas & Electric company has been losing a large amount of gas for which they have been unable to account. Recent developments, however, have brought out the fact that a large part of the loss is due to theft by residents living along the line of the company's mains.

The Oregon code defines the act of tampering with the pipes, wires, meters or by-passing meters, etc., as a crime punishable by imprisonment from six months to two years, or a fine ranging from \$50 to \$500, or both. The company maintains that the aggregate loss in gas stolen and the expense involved in tracing the theft is a material one and that they will insist upon a vigorous prosecution and the imposing of the limit under the statute in each case.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 12.—A highly touted "good thing" went wrong in the first race here today, when Droll failed to in better than third. Books throughout the country are understood here to have made a big clean up on the plunge, the tip being so strong, that fortunes were put up, and lost. The post odds on Droll were 6 to 5 to win, 2 to 5 place and 1 to 5 show. The race, which was for maiden two year olds, was won by Augustus Heinz, a 15 to 1 shot. Result:

SEEKING RELEASE OF JOHNSON ON BAIL

Friends and boarders of A. A. Johnson, the aged pioneer held in the county jail on white slave allegations involving his 19-year-old niece, Dollie Johnson, are trying to secure his release from the county jail on \$500 bonds.

Dollie is now at the home of her parents in Jacksonville, and it is probable steps will be taken to place her under stringent corrective influences.

William Welsh states that she possesses suicidal tendencies, and last week tried to throw herself in front of a passenger train after taking a drink of whisky.

POLICE ON LOOKOUT FOR WANT AD FAKIR

The police have received notice to be on the watch for a swindler who operates through the "want ad" columns of newspapers, and is headed this way. The plan is to offer a \$25 a week position, with six hours' work, the holder thereof lending his employer his savings eventually, with sad results. The crook operated last week in Sacramento, fleeing several



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Lined Gloves, the pair\$1.25 to \$3.00
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- Handsome Lined Collar Boxes
 - Scarf Pins
 - Dress Gloves
 - Cuff and Collar Buttons
 - Full Dress Ties
 - Boxes of Collars
 - Full Dress Sets
 - Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs
 - Full Dress Suits
 - Christmas Suspenders in Handsome Boxes
 - Dinner Jackets
 - Leather Belts
 - Fancy Waistcoats
 - Sweater Coats
 - Full Dress Overcoats
 - Latest Style Shirts
 - Handsome Silk Neckwear
 - Combination Set of Sox, Ties and Handkerchiefs
 - Box of Fancy Sox
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