

### WOLFF CONFESSES PLACES BLAME OF MURDER ON GIRL

YAKIMA, Wash., June 11.—After another grilling by Deputy Sheriff J. N. Pyles, Kern county, Roy Wolff, who yesterday confessed he had murdered Elmer Greer, attempted to fix the responsibility for the deed upon a 15-year-old girl, whose name he refused to reveal.

"She asked me if I would do something for her, and I said that I would do anything she wanted me to," the boy insisted, in the presence of several officers and newspaper reporters. "She told me that Greer had gotten her into trouble, and asked me to beat him up good. Another fellow she told me, would help with the job. I saw him and he said the officers were already after him, so he couldn't handle the job. Then I decided to get after Greer. I didn't intend to kill him, but I wanted to beat him up good."

Wolff refused to give the name of the boy who was supposed to help him "fix" Greer, and would give no clue to the girl other than that she first met her at Oakland, where she worked, and that she formerly lived in Tacoma, Wash. She is an orphan, he said, and now "beating it to Mexico."

Pyles insists that there is nothing to Wolff's story of the girl, and that Greer's life had no such questionable episodes in it. Wolff showed the only signs of emotion so far when he spoke of the girl, his eyes filling with tears which he attempted to wipe off without being caught at it. He said that he saw her for a few minutes about an hour after he left Greer and that she rode for some miles with him in the blood stained automobile. She wanted to come north with him, he asserted, but he couldn't have her "around the house there."

Today Wolff is almost as carefree as though he were out of jail. "Slept as well as I ever did," he declared. "I don't ever see Greer's face in front of me and I don't think of it much. Greer isn't on my mind. I'm not trying to get out of this; if they want to hang me it's jake with me."

Wolff is the young man who was held up for a time by the Medford police but released. This was before the boy's description had been received.

Sheriff Terrell received a telegram last night from Deputy Sheriff Pyles of Bakersfield, Calif., who wired from Yakima, Wash., that Roy Wolff, wanted on a murder charge, had been captured there at his home.

Pyles and another deputy sheriff passed through Medford last Saturday hot on the trail of the 16-year-old murderer, who was stopped here two days before by Policeman Brownlee and Deputy Sheriff Withow, as he alighted from a north bound passenger train. They were looking for another youth of about the same age and as Wolff did not answer the description and as they had not yet received word to look out for him, they let him go.

### LABOR IN FAVOR OF BOOZE.

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ism are cause and effect. But you will find when later resolutions are introduced that the proposition that comes from Seattle is one that favors Bolshevism for the United States."

No Prohibition Question  
Mr. Gompers paused for a moment and then went on to say that the resolution was not a prohibition question.

"It is a proposition to determine whether we think it fair to allow us to lead our lives as we desire."

After the reading of the resolution, James A. Duncan, chairman of the Central Labor Council of Seattle, criticized the action of the resolutions committee for reporting the resolution first, claiming that in his opinion the workers of the country would have been better satisfied had resolutions dealing with a six-hour working day been the first out of the committee. He announced his opposition to alter in any way wartime or any other kind of prohibition.

"We believe in these important times," he continued, "that it is better to keep the minds of the people sober. The experience in Washington has shown that with prohibition the workers are better clothed, better housed and have better conditions than ever before. And we no longer fall for the bribe of a free trip to Washington or any of the other propaganda of brewery interests."

Ask Burleson's Removal  
Nearly all, if not the entire body of delegates attending the reconstruction convention of the American Federation of Labor will on Saturday go to Washington by special train to participate in the great labor demonstration there in protest against further enforcement of war-time prohibition.

A resolution to come before the convention is one requesting President Wilson to remove Postmaster General Burleson.

The postmaster-general is charged in the resolution with having "ruthlessly invaded the rights of employees."

Among many other resolutions which probably would be reported out of the committee at the sessions tomorrow are several dealing with proposals for nationalization of various industries.

### COURT HALL SELLS CRATER LAKE MOTOR CO. TO E. E. WATERS

Court Hall and son have sold their interest in the Crater Lake Motor Co. to E. E. Waters of Oklahoma, for \$6500.

In buying the Crater Lake Motor company Mr. Waters has purchased the largest automobile repair business between Portland and Sacramento. No change will be made in the present mechanics, and Seely V. Hall will be retained as foreman and chief mechanic. Several other mechanics will be added within the next few days, one of them being Wm. Sullivan, a former Medford man, who has left the Packard agency at Boise, Idaho, to report to the Crater Lake Motor company.

Mr. Waters is an experienced garage man, and will endeavor to keep a sufficient force of mechanics to turn out work promptly.

### CONFECTIONERS ASK REPEAL OF ICE CREAM TAX

PORTLAND, June 11.—After setting in motion machinery which they hope will redound to the benefit of the small boy who likes ice cream cones, the Retail Confectioners of the Northwest ended the business sessions of their convention here last night.

The newly-formed Pacific coast confectioners' association forwarded to the congressional delegations of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Montana, Utah, Nevada and Colorado, copies of resolutions protesting against the war on ice cream and confectionery, as unfair and discriminatory, and urging its repeal.

### FORMER MEDFORDITE IN DIVORCE TANGLE

"A motion was filed in the circuit court Tuesday asking that the suit for divorce brought by J. L. Weiss against Maude E. Weiss be dismissed on the ground that the wife has a similar suit against the husband pending in the circuit court of Jackson county, Oregon," says the Portland Journal.

"Mrs. Weiss alleges that she filed her suit for divorce May 3, 1919, and that the circuit court of Jackson county awarded her the custody of their child, Reva Weiss, and temporary alimony, pending the outcome of the action.

"In the wife's complaint she charges her husband with continued and persistent abuse.

"Mr. Weiss' suit places the blame for the action on Mrs. Weiss' relatives.

"Mr. Weiss states that after he moved to Portland, his wife left him and took their child with her. He says that on February 7, 1919, he met her at the station at Portland as she was passing through and asked her to return to him. Thereupon, he avers, she began to rave, tear her hair and finally called a policeman. She told the policeman that Weiss was a stranger to her and that he had insulted her, all of which resulted, says Weiss, in his being led to the police station and her departure on the train."

### SELECT WOMAN TO ACT SCHOOL CLERK 5 TEACHERS HIRED

The board of education in addition to hiring five new teachers for the grade schools last night adopted a wide departure in the Medford schools and school board regime when the members voted to employ Miss Ruth Manning at \$100 a month for ten months to act in the dual capacity next year of stenographer to Superintendent Davenport and as clerk of the school board to succeed the present clerk, Frank Redden who was not an applicant for re-election. Thus for the first time in local history the school board will have a woman clerk.

It is said that the majority of the board members made this change from motives of economy and with the object in view of having the clerk in closer touch constantly with the running of the schools. The present stenographer to Supt. Davenport receives \$75 a month, and Mr. Redden's salary as clerk is \$300 a year. The pay of both these positions for 10 months of the school year foots up to \$1050, and under the change both positions will be filled by one person next year for \$1000.

But the board last night also voted to employ an additional stenographer for the principal of the high school at a salary of \$500 a year, whereas the superintendent's stenographer heretofore and now acts as stenographer for the principal as well as for the superintendent. This would make the board spending \$1500 annually next year for the stenographers of the superintendent and principal and the clerk of the board instead of \$1050 now paid for these positions. The new stenographer for the principal next year has not yet been hired.

The five grade teachers voted on acceptably last night have not yet signed their contracts and are to help fill a number of vacancies in the teaching staff of the schools, caused by teachers either leaving to teach elsewhere or who have not signed contracts. There are said to be eight or ten more vacancies to be filled including a number in the high school corps.

The five teachers elected last night are Miss Ruth Daniels who has just graduated at the California state normal school at San Jose; Miss Jessie Wilson who this year taught near Los Angeles; Miss Louise Bischoff of Bickleton, Wash., Ella M. Deyou of Eugene and Miss Lottie M. Ingison of Astoria.

### HOME MISSIONARY MEETING THURSDAY

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the First M. E. church will meet on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Campbell on King's Highway. Mrs. C. W. Conklin has prepared an interesting program on "Our Children's Work and Orphanages." Miss Helen Carlton, a prominent missionary worker in the east will be present with an inspiring message.

The membership campaign between the reds and blues will close with this meeting. It being the last one of the year it is desired that every member be present if possible.

Autos will be at the library at 2 o'clock to take all who wish to go. The assistant hostesses are Mrs. Smylie, Mrs. Carlos and Mrs. Watkins.

### OREGON QUOTA IN BOY SCOUT DRIVE FIXED AT 5800

Down the street they came, sturdy, red blooded American boys in their khaki clad uniforms, with chests out, chins in, cheeks glowing with health. At their head marches a lawyer, doctor, returned soldier, college man, Y. M. C. A. worker or minister. The Stars and Stripes are waving over their heads. They are the Boy Scouts on their way to camp.

See that group standing on the street corner. Slouchy in appearance, pale from lack of exercise, slangy in language, undisciplined, learning bad ways from worthless leaders—they are not members of the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Average Citizen can take his choice as to which type of boy he prefers. If he likes number two, then let him keep his money in his pocket but if he likes the promise of the Boy Scout leadership for good citizenship, then let him take an associate membership in the Boy Scout organization. A drive for one million memberships among adults opened Sunday last. Of these Oregon is asked for only 5800. Portland's quota is 3000. Edward Cookingham will direct the state drive which is designed to put Boy Scout troops in every community where there are red-blooded boys without Boy Scout leadership.

### SCHOOL ELECTION MONDAY RAISES TAX 5.2 MILLS

Altho the special election for adopting the annual school budget for the year 1919 and for the election of a school director to succeed W. E. Phipps whose three year term as member of the school board expires, not a candidate has been mentioned as yet and there appeared to be no interest in the election of director or on the budget, until today when there was much talk about the city. It is probable that one or more candidates will be sprung at the last moment. The election takes place at 2 o'clock next Monday afternoon at the high school building.

The budget that will be submitted to the voters increases the tax levy in the school district by more than six per cent over the amount of the district's levy last year. The school board's official announcement of the cause of the increase is as follows: "It is necessary to raise this additional amount by special levy for the following reasons: Added increase in teachers and janitors' salaries and increased cost of fuel and all other supplies."

The sum that must be raised according to the prepared budget by this special taxation is \$82,245, and the sum provided by last year's budget for the schools was \$55,086. Last

year the millage tax was 11.8 mills, while to raise the \$82,245 budget that will be submitted to the voters at Monday's election requires a tax levy of 17 mills. It is claimed the board is planning on increasing the staff of teachers both in the grade schools and the high school and plans to employ a librarian for the high school.

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