

### SHELDON REVIEWS 1921 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE

At a well attended forum luncheon held this noon at the Hotel Holland, Representative Ben C. Sheldon gave an interesting resume of the work of the legislature whose session has just closed.

Mr. Sheldon described the session as one which accomplished a great deal of real constructive legislation but, so far as concerns floor work in the two houses, was colorless largely due to the fact that most of the large problems were settled "on the side lines" through conferences between interested parties before the measures were allowed to come up for passage.

Among those development measures, specific mention was made of the Port of Portland program, the log-ged-off-land district bill, tunnel district bill, two school bills, which Superintendent Churchill says mark a mile stone in the educational progress of the state, tax commission for Portland budget bill, commission for investigation of general tax problems of the state, and several others.

Mr. Sheldon also explained the legislature's action regarding soldier bonus (which will come before the people at a special election in June) anti-alien bill, fishing legislation, the road program (which was touched very lightly as the subject has been set for a later forum meeting), and the general question of salary increases and appropriations. Reference was made to the fact that the two appropriations asked by Jackson county had been gained in full—an appropriation of \$40,000 for an armory at Medford and an increase in the annual appropriation for Prof. Hedberg's experimental station at Talent from \$7,000 per year to \$12,000 per year, this appropriation being placed on a continuing basis.

A brief reference was made to local measures which had been asked of the delegation, all but one of which had been enacted into law. On this point, Mr. Sheldon very forcefully chided local organizations for their carelessness in not sending to the legislature their requests until the session was well advanced, after which time the work of the delegation on getting such matters legislated into law was increased three or four fold. He also called attention to the fact that on such local measures as were subjects of controversy among our home people, it was neither wise nor fair to allow the delegation to leave for the session at Salem, until there had been a general discussion for the same here at home and something definite in the way of instructions to the delegation determined upon before the opening of the session.

#### YAP TANGLE GRAVE

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that the allocation of all mandated territories is a function of the supreme council and not of the council of the league. The league is concerned not with the allocation but with the administration of these territories.

"Having been notified in the name of the allied and associated powers that all the islands north of the equator had been allocated to Japan, the council of the league merely fulfilled its responsibility of defining the terms of the mandate. Consequently if a misunderstanding would seem to be between the United States and the principal allied powers rather than between the United States and the league.

"However, in view of the American contention, the council of the league has hastened to forward the American note to the governments of France, Great Britain, Italy and Japan.

"The council hopes these explanations will prove satisfactory to the United States government and that reciprocal action will find a solution in harmony with the generous spirit which inspired the principle of mandates.

The note which bears date of March 1 is signed by Dr. DuCunha, president of the council of the league.

#### CHAMP CLARK DIES

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tribute to the memory of Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, dead at Washington, D. C., by arising and standing silent for one minute.

Senator D. V. Morthland, himself a native Missourian, spoke of the achievements of the Missouri congressman and declared that he had been a great figure in his state and nation.

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### ROBSON COMPANY CHARMS, WITHOUT MAKE UP, SCENERY

Medford has enjoyed many novelties in the theatrical line, but it remained for something entirely new to be sprung at the Page last night when a large audience witnessed the splendid production of clever May Robson and company in the delightful comedy, "Nobody's Fool" with every member in the cast in street clothes and without a bit of company scenery.

The reason for this was that the company arrived in the city from Chicago, at 7 p. m. only to find that through some unexplainable reason the train had failed to pick up its baggage and scenery car at the California city.

Even their make up trunks were in this car. There was just time enough for the company to hunt up drugists and purchase grease paint and other facial make up material, and send out and borrow a policeman's uniform coat.

The performance began practically on time with the actors and actresses wearing their ordinary clothes, bearing the police uniform, after that lovable artist and comedienne, Miss Robson had explained to the audience in a happy vein regarding the lost car and company's predicament in a costume and scenic way.

From that moment the show went over with a bang, theatrically speaking, the appreciative audience seeming to like the performance all the more for its lack of stage garb and special scenery. Thus again was proved that the play's the thing, when that play is good in plot and played by an all around clever company.

#### TESTIMONY CONFLICTING

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said that District Attorney Roberts when he saw the records, said to Sheriff Terrill: "You've got your dates mixed, haven't you, Charlie." The witness said that Evans had been released after his first arrest on the records of the firm of Hines and Snider.

J. A. Curry, former bookkeeper of Hines and Snider, now vice-president of the Tomlin Box Factory, was the second witness for the defense, and identified the time book of the auto firm showing that Evans had worked in the garage on the date of the crime. Curry also identified a number of time slips turned in by Evans. The state, on cross examination, attacked the reliability of bookkeeper.

In the cross examination of Curry, the state stressed the time slip of September 13 (the day of the crime) showing that Evans had worked 13 hours that day, and had made a notation on the time slip for reference, later allowing eight hours. Curry was positive in his statements, also that he posted the time, by custom, on the day the work was performed. The witness testified he remembered seeing Evans working on a Ford truck belonging to a man by the name of Green. The bill for the truck repair was protested by Green on account of the work performed by Evans, and was compromised. The witness was cross questioned at great length upon details of the slip methods, etc., and his experience as a bookkeeper.

The witness testified that Evans had called at the office on the evening of September 13th, to get his check and that he could not get same because Mr. Hines had not signed the check. The state was unable, after an able cross examination to swerve Curry from the salient points of his testimony.

Curry identified a bill sent by Hines and Snider to the Blue Ledger machine for repairs, including placing of a vacuum tank on the auto driven by Sam Sandry, which the defense maintains Evans installed on the afternoon of September 13. The witness recalled seeing Evans about the garage on the day of the crime, and on the next day, Sunday.

Late Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Terrill was called to the stand and testified to circumstances relating to White freeing himself by cutting the ropes that bound him on a rock, identified the ropes. Sheriff Terrill also identified and read a letter, Evans is alleged to have written when a prisoner in the county jail at Klamath Falls. Evans tore up the letter when detected passing it to his wife by Deputy Sheriff John B. Winger, who testified truthfully, and it was laboriously pieced together by the sheriff's office. The defense objected to the introduction of the letter upon the grounds that it was a privileged communication, which was overruled by the court.

Questioned regarding his interest in the case, Sheriff Terrill said it was not in excess of that manifested usually by an official of the law. Attorney Newbury was blocked in an effort to ask the witness about statements he is alleged to have made, to the general effect that if the right witnesses could be secured, Evans would be acquitted. The court instructed the defense to submit the questions in written form for ruling.

W. G. White, chief witness for the state, and victim of the hold up was recalled to the stand for a few minutes this morning, and questioned by the state as to the location of the crime, and by the defense, as to whether he wore spectacles when the crime was committed, and as to the number of prisoners in the county jail at Klamath Falls when he identified Evans.

The session opened by reading the testimony of a Mr. Barker, a state witness at the previous trial, unable to appear on account of illness at this time.

W. B. Garrett, a witness called by

the state from Seattle, arrived, but was not called to the stand.

The trial of Lark Evans on trial in circuit court, progressed rapidly Tuesday afternoon, with witnesses for the state testifying.

At the afternoon session W. G. White, victim of the holdup, testified under cross examination in detail regarding his Ford auto, and his identification of same in a garage at Fort Klamath. Mr. White testified at great length, and the court mildly rebuked Attorney Newbury for the defense after an exchange with the witness.

William McIntyre, a resident of Jacksonville testified to White's coming to his house about midnight, Sept. 13, 1919, and untying his hands. The witness was not cross examined by either side.

H. J. Bocker, a painter of Grants Pass was next called. He testified that he had known the defendant since boyhood, and that he called at his paint shop on September 13th, and introduced himself, and the woman with him as his wife. Cross examination by the defense failed to shake Bocker's testimony that it was the 13th of September. All he could remember of the woman was that she wore a turban hat with a red feather.

Harry Cougel and Andrew Shade, transfer men of Grants Pass, both testified to seeing Evans at the S. P. depot in Grants Pass on September 13, 1919 in the afternoon. Both had known, they testified, the defendant since he was a little boy.

Charles McLain, chief of police of Grants Pass testified that he had seen Evans, and the woman he introduced as his wife, at the Grants Pass depot after the train had left for Medford. The defense will introduce witnesses to show that Evans came to this city on this train. McLain was positive in his testimony and after an interchange of words, the court rebuked Attorney Newbury.

#### AGREES TO INVASION

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which is framing a reply to the German reparations proposals.

PARIS, Mar. 2.—Newspapers of this city are united in declaring that Germany's proposals, submitted to the supreme allied council in London yesterday were unacceptable.

"Germany's ludicrous offer," appears to sum up the view of the majority of journals in this city, and the remark of Premier Lloyd George: "We had better adjourn quickly, or we will find we owe them money," finds immense favor.

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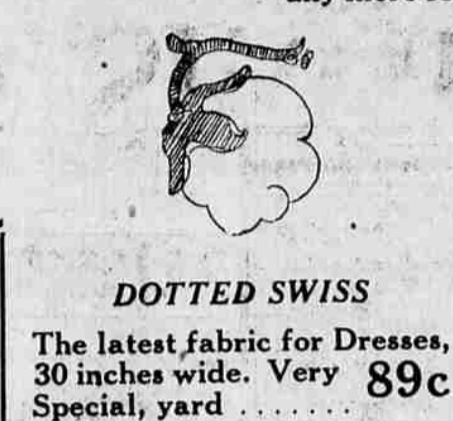
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