

STANDARD OIL ASKS CHANCE TO REFUTE CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Declar-
ing charges made against it by Thom-
as Black of Western Petroleum com-
pany of Chicago were "sharply un-
true," the Standard Oil company of
Indiana today filed requests for a
hearing with the Senate oil investiga-
tion committee.

The Standard company declared in
its request, made by Harry A. DeGraaf,
its general attorney, that it de-
sired to produce witnesses to refute
the testimony given by Black at the
final session of the committee's in-
quiry into conditions and prices in the
industry. In his testimony Black
charged the Standard Oil company of
Indiana, by whom he said he was em-
ployed for 22 years, with price fixing.
The Standard of Indiana asserted
that the charges made by Black were
"outrageously made for the purpose of
pejudicing the Standard company in
the eyes of the public and embarrassing
it in the conduct of its business."

Fly Florida to Porto Rico.
DETROIT, Ohio, Feb. 19.—Lieutenant
Gray Hartney, Willard Wright Field,
will be part of a squadron of Amer-
ican aviators who will fly from Flor-
ida to Porto Rico soon. Lieutenant
Eric Nelson, McCook Field, who will
serve as escort, expects to receive
official orders today.

QUIT TOBACCO

So easy to drop Cigarette,
Cigar, or Chewing habit

No-To-Bac has helped thousands
to break the costly, nerve-shattering
tobacco habit. Whenever you have
a longing for a smoke or chew, just
place a harmless No-To-Bac Taber
in your mouth instead. All desire
stops. Shortly the habit is com-
pletely broken, and you are better off
mentally, physically, financially. It's
so easy, so simple. Get a box of No-
To-Bac and if it doesn't release you
from all craving for tobacco in any
form, your druggist will refund your
money without question. Adv.

BERGER RESIDENCE NEAR CENTRAL PT. BURNS TO GROUND

The J. L. Berger residence, one-
quarter mile east of Central Point,
was destroyed by fire at one o'clock
this afternoon. The loss was estimated
at \$1500 and it is understood that the property was ins-
ured for \$2000. The insurance agent
who made the estimate on the loss
stated that he thought it a very con-
siderable sum.

Mr. Berger is at present working in
Klamath Falls and last night Mrs.
Berger and daughter were spending the
night at the home of a neighbor.
No one was at home at the time of
the fire and the cause of it is un-
known.

The two-story residence, furniture,
a windmill and washhouse and wood
shed were destroyed. Nothing was
saved although an attempt was made
by passersby to get some of the furni-
ture from the flames.

The place was formerly owned by S.
Villa Beckwith, former Medford real
estate agent and head of the Rogue River
Valley Fruit and Produce association.

Personal

At 6:30 this evening the members
of the Craters club will assemble in
their new club room at the Hotel
Medford. A program of unusual ex-
cellence has been prepared which in-
cludes music and stunts. This meet-
ing will be the dedication of the new
mayor's hat and Craters are anxious
about it.

Corbin Edgall returned yesterday
from Seattle where he visited Mr. and
Mrs. H. Villa Beckwith, former resi-
dents of this city now living in Seat-
tle, and Mrs. Alice Lee Holloway of
Medford who is their house guest.

SCENIC HIGHWAY BLOCKED BY TREES BLOWN DOWN

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 19.—The scenic
highway east of Everett to Skykomish, according to county com-
missioners, still is blocked with big
trees blown down in last week's
storm. In the big timber section be-
tween Goldbar and Index it is re-
ported that between 200 and 300
trees were blown across the highway
and clothing from Dalton, Wash.

CHARGE LAWYERS BUY AND SELL U. S. SENATORS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Charges
that a dozen of lawyers in New York
City buy and sell the influence of
senators and representatives without
their knowledge were made before the
House rules committee by Chairman
Johnson of the house immigration
committee.

"There is in New York City," said
Mr. Johnson, "a place absolutely
known as the 'den of lawyers,' where
a building full of lawyers who make
a living representing persons that
for stated sums they can obtain the
influence of members of congress."

"I know of one case where friends
of an immigrant were told that for
\$1,000 the influence of a certain
member of the house could be had to
get the immigrant into the country
under bond. I know that the mem-
ber of the house had no knowledge
of that matter. These lawyers got the
money and gave the man in under
bond without ever going near the
representative whose influence they
claimed they could obtain."

TWO INDICTMENTS BY GRAND JURY

Two indictments were returned by
the grand jury, at their first session
Monday.

Martin R. McDonald, alias Mc-
Cain, held in the county jail on a
charge of forgery, was indicted for
assault with a dangerous weapon, as
the result of hitting County Jailor
Collins over the head with a window
weight in a desperate attempt to
escape on the evening of February 1.
McDonald will likely be tried on this
charge instead of the forgery claim.
The former crime carrying a heavier
sentence. The authorities allege that
McDonald is wanted at Vale, Oregon
for forgery.

John McMasters, a youth, on pa-
role, who is alleged to have stolen
money and clothes from his benefac-
tors, on the eve of turning over a new
leaf, was indicted on a count alleg-
ing larceny from a dwelling, the spec-
ific charge being that he stole \$15
and clothing from Dalton, Wash.

GIRL DROWNED IN CLOSED CAR, TWO ESCORTS ESCAPE

TACOMA, Feb. 19.—Miss Edith C.
Larson, 21, of Tacoma, was drowned, and
Chris Anderson, 17, of Union City,
and Charles Melner, 18, of Olympia,
lost their lives when the small
coupe in which they were riding went
off the Point Defiance ferry slip at
1:15 a. m. today into the deep waters
of Puget Sound. The men were arrested
for investigation.

A diver at 11 o'clock succeeded in
getting Miss Larson's body out of the
coupe and raising it and the car to the
surface.

The men claim they drove down the
slip thinking it was a bridge. Recent
storms had torn the gate from the
slip and it had not been replaced, so
that when the driver of the car dis-
covered water ahead and tried to stop
his car skidded off into the sound. The
men kicked the windows out of the
automobile and swam to safety.

LOCAL RADIOPHONE IS GROUNDED ON POLE

Someone recently went to the
trouble to ground the aerial used by
Durrell Minckler and Don Rungard in
receiving radiophone programs from
broadcasting stations all over North
America. The person who turned the
trick climbed the telephone pole to
which the aerial is attached and
reached out with a heavy piece of
wire with a hook on one end, catching
the aerial wire with the hook. The
free end of the heavy wire was then
wrapped around a telephone cable
two or three times to form a ground.

This was done twice and whether
it was just a kid trick or an act to
hinder the experimental work being
done by the two young men is not
known. Telephone conversations and
the ringing of bells all over the neigh-
borhood could be heard with the radio
head set while the ground was
connected and even with this hinder-
ance Montreal and Kansas City were
received clearly. The joker grounded
the wrong end of the aerial, thereby
producing a "loop" effect.

EXPECT BIG RUN OF SALMON THIS YEAR

SEATTLE, Feb. 19.—Brokers and
cannery men look for a big salmon
season. A shortage of canned salmon
is already apparent and the price is
higher than previously in two years,
it is stated. Practically every can-
nery in the Puget Sound district is ex-
pected to operate. Those familiar with
salmon habits predict a big run of
pink and a light one of reds.

Several local cannerymen are planning
to send floating canneryes to Alaskan
waters.

The Pacific American Fisheries of
Bellingham which this season will op-
erate shore canneryes in Alaska, had
the steamer Redwood scheduled to
leave for the north today with 100
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