

# FERGUSON WINS LEGION HONORS; VOTE IS CLOSE

The annual election of the American Legion held last night at the Armory resulted in E. C. Ferguson, present vice-commander and editor of the "Medford Legion" being elected post commander for the coming year. The commander race was a close one, Ferguson winning over John Hollins by a margin of only a few votes. Other results of last night's ballot were as follows: 1st vice-commander, Ed Webster; 2nd vice-commander, Lloyd Williamson; adjutant, Len Garlock; finance officer, Melvin N. Hogan; chaplain, A. J. Anderson.

Executive committee: Horace L. Bromley, Paul H. McDonald, Fred Schofield, Wm. Bolger and Earl Davis.

A large number of local and visiting legionnaires were on hand to attend the annual meeting, among the latter being Legionnaires Nelson of Seattle, Tull of Portland, Graybill and Stearns of Grants Pass, Norris of Ashland and Merrill of La Grange. Several of the visitors announced their intention of affiliating with Medford post and Graybill and Stearns joined last night. An appeal by Post Commander Bromley for members to pay their 1929 dues in advance to the new commander, a good start on membership, resulted in nearly 30 responses at last night's meeting.

Installation of the new officers will take place at the next regular meeting Monday, Oct. 8th, the following committee being appointed to take charge of the ceremony: Paul McDonald, chairman; Tom Swann, Geo. Coddling and Larry Mann.

A report of the drum corps dance was made by Earl Davis who urged every legionnaire to boost for these dances which will be staged at Hilarity hall during the fall and winter season. The "Pep Peddlers," popular dance band has been engaged for the season and some fine parties are in store for all who attend. The proceeds of these dances will go in a special fund to purchase new equipment for the Medford corps before the next convention. By raising the money in this manner it should not be necessary to call upon the post or the local merchants for financial support of any kind.

The matter of sponsoring a Legion Boy Scout troop was discussed and Commander Bromley appointed the following troop committee to investigate the necessary details and report at the next meeting: H. R. Elliott, chairman; R. H. Browne, Joe Fliegel, Fred Schofield and Emil Brophy. A letter from Colonel Payne who is convalescing from an operation in Letterman hospital was read, also a letter from W. W. Belcher who is now located at The Dallas on Boy Scout executive of that district.

Commander Bromley announced the honors which have been bestowed upon Legionnaires Seely Hall and Lloyd Williamson, the former being appointed northwest district governor of the National Airports Executives association and the latter selected to lead the famous Salem drum corps at the national legion convention at San Antonio. "Gov." Hall was then called upon for a talk covering the national air meet in Los Angeles which was attended by himself and Vice Commander Baker. Hall stated that he was proud to learn of the Los Angeles meet that Oregon is conceded to be the first state in the union as regards "air-mindedness." It also has the greatest number of "class C" landing fields of any state in the union. This wonderful showing is largely due to the efforts of the American Legion points of this state, many of whom have sponsored and established air ports in their respective communities. Hall has done some excellent work in connection with his position as state chairman of aeronautics for the legion department of Oregon. He urged that the legionnaires keep up their fine activities in this regard and closed by saying that when he goes back to Chicago to attend the 1929 national air meet he hopes to see Oregon again take first place in both classes of aerial endeavor.

Ed Baker gave some of the highlights of the Los Angeles air meet which was attended by daily crowds of from 50,000 to 125,000 people. He spoke of seeing 258 planes in the air at one time and commented on the excellent facilities afforded by Mines field which is one mile square. 21 planes side by side were able to take off at one time from this big field. A demonstration of modern warfare from the air which was demonstrated by a squadron of U. S. bombers was most interesting.

These planes showed how helpless a city is when attacked by an enemy from the air which by means of smoke screens proved invisible from the ground and therefore immune from anti-aircraft guns. Baker witnessed the accident in which Lieut. Williams lost his life and stated that this was the only serious accident of the entire meet.

A special entertainment feature was provided at the close of last night's session by Don Miguel who gave several fine numbers on his harmonica. One attractive number was a musical play dedicated to the American Legion, replete with bugle calls and stirring marches and taking the veterans from Medford to France and return. Miguel's "chit-music" was heartily enjoyed by his listeners.

After the meeting, the legionnaires were served an enjoyable feed in the armory "mess-hall" by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Crater Lake is only a three and a half hours drive from Medford over a wonderful highway.

# SUPREME COURT DECISIONS HAVE LOCAL INTEREST

Two decisions affecting Jackson county suits were handed down by the supreme court today and both have been hanging fire for a number of years.

A motion for dismissal of the appeal of Arthur L. and Isabella Rowley in their suit against the Eagle Point Irrigation district and in which the water supply of this city was involved in a minor degree, was allowed and probably marks the end of long litigation.

In the suit of M. D. Olds, former Jackson county timber baron, against William Von der Hellen et al, a decision was handed down that modified the opinion of Judge W. H. Evans of Portland, who presided at the trial. Whether a rehearing was granted is not known.

This action revolved about the burning up of the Eagle Point P. & R. depot six years ago. Von der Hellen, engaged in road construction on the Crater Lake highway, used the depot for storage purposes, including oil and gasoline. It was alleged that oil and gas was scattered carelessly and that as a result of the alleged negligence, the depot caught fire and was reduced to ashes. A verdict for \$2500 was awarded by a jury.

Attorney Porter J. Neff filed a motion with the high court, asking that the award be cut to \$1000.

# BIGHAM DENIES MAUD'S ACCOUNT OF FISH FIGHT

P. C. Bigham is still very indignant over the assault made on him by C. E. Maud, retired San Francisco mining engineer, who has a fishing camp on the Modoc orchard land, and to which Maud pleaded guilty in Judge Taylor's court yesterday and was fined \$15. In fact, Bigham will probably begin a civil suit for damages.

In connection of the merits of the controversy between the two men, Bigham is generally commended for his exhibition of violence in his resistance to being attacked by Maud with what Bigham claims was a big club, and Maud claims was only a rotten stick, as Maud is a much smaller, slender, elderly man, and Bigham is an exceptionally large man of great physical development, who could have crushed his smaller antagonist with one hand.

Mr. Bigham claims that he had never had a word with Maud before and that the attack on him was wholly unwarranted and made from ambush, and he exhibits a badly bruised left arm, caused by a blow from the club.

"Neither was I on what Maud claims is his fishing cabin leased land, said Bigham this noon, "but was going peacefully alone when Mr. Maud jumped out on me with that club from behind the brush. I was going along the river bank, the same as all fishers do, and was far from Maud's cabin and the surroundings on which he claims to have a lease. He simply has a permit to build the cabin there."

"For that matter, I had purchased a key from Mr. Hamblin, the lessee of the Modoc orchard property near Table rock, granting permission to open all gates and pass over the orchard property."

"Furthermore, I did not run away at the time of Maud's attack. Can you imagine my running away from such a small man of his age. Although much aggravated by the attack I kept my temper at the time, and my only reason for the unwarranted assault was to cause his arrest on an assault and battery charge. Had I realized when I swore out that complaint that my arm was so badly hurt, I would have preferred a felony assault charge instead, which can't be done now but he pleaded guilty to the simple charge of assault, and was fined."

# LOCAL FIREMAN IS INJURED IN PANTORIUM FIRE

Claude Stevens, of the local fire department force, is in the Community hospital today, suffering from the effects of an accident which followed a fire of undetermined origin at the pantorium at 1 o'clock this morning. Slight damage was reported at the cleaning establishment.

After the blaze had been extinguished the firemen were looking around in the supply room, which contains a large amount of cleaning fluid and dyes when Mr. Stevens accidentally upset a five gallon can of acetic acid. Fumes from the acid striking with water on the floor suffocated him and he was immediately taken to the hospital, where his condition was reported to be much improved late this afternoon.

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liberty bonds, profit from the Continental Trading company oil transaction, to republican campaign efforts to help cover a deficit 1929 campaign.

"He was unwilling to become a party to that deal, he got the stench of oil and he gave his check for \$50,000, but declined to take the bonds," the governor said. "Honorable enough," he said. "That this must be said: During all the period that the senate committee was endeavoring to unfold this crooked deal before the people of the United States, he had the knowledge and could have given it. He chose to conceal it."

The democratic nominee was referring to what he termed "a unique way of transforming oil into money and making the money look clean, getting the benzine smell off it."

The chairman of the republican national committee had the \$250,000 in liberty bonds, he said. "He offered them to prominent republicans in assorted lots, in accordance with the ability of the victim to meet the demand. And the prominent republicans got a present of \$25,000 to \$50,000, as the case may be, and in return, performed the patriotic service of voluntarily giving checks to liquidate the indebtedness."

Smith asserted, "The names of men approached were spied out by the committee from the handwriting."

of a dead man."

"If there was anybody in the country who was ready to say that the republican party should bear no responsibility for this," the nominee declared, "they must be prepared to say aside from the guilt of individuals or persons it is all right for a political party to fill its depleted treasury with the proceeds of official corruption and crime."

"Chains Party Is Guilty."

Declaring that the republican party "was able to convince the electorate four years ago that all of this guilt was personal, and that it did not run to the party as a party," he declared there could be no excuse in 1928, "because then we have some new disclosures."

He then related the Continental Oil deal revelations and a little further on declared amid applause that the people "would never have heard the end of it" if in 1920 the republican party could have "unfolding a record of that kind against the Wilson administration."

"Would there be any charity in their hearts toward the democratic party?" he asked—and a voice in the gallery came back, "Not a bit!"

"Oh, I can imagine how the republican orators would roar against democratic corruption," he continued, as laughter and applause swept the audience.

"Democratic misuse of the public money, democratic neglect of the moral duty toward the soldier," he continued, "why, they would be all wrapped up in the American flag and you would hardly be able to see them."

"Purs for Morals of Youth."

Referring to the newspaper account that Senator Curtis, the republican vice-presidential candidate, had lost his voice over the week end, the nominee said:

"If he was talking against the democratic party with that kind of a record, he would have lost it a week ago."

"I believe," he asserted near the end of his address, "that it would be exceedingly harmful to the morals of the youth of the country, if in the face of that record the American people on the sixth of November were to put their stamp of approval on it. It would be harmful if they were to agree that that record indicates moral leadership and progressive reform. It would be exceedingly harmful if the American people were willing to look back complacently over that task and call it a record of great accomplishment."

Governor Smith was introduced by Senator Walsh, who referred to him as "the most engaging personality in American public life today."

E. M. Alexander of Seattle, uncle of the late Mrs. W. J. Smith, arrived here today to attend her funeral.

# 2 MORE BANKS ADDED TO OREGON'S MERGER

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 25.—(AP)—The West Coast Bancorporation announced today that two more banks had been added to those it controls by purchase of a majority of the stock of the Bank of Mt. Angel, Ore., and the First National bank of St. Helens, Ore. These will add \$1,171,000 to the resources of the bank.

Other banks owned by this institution are the West Coast National bank, Peninsula National bank, Citizens bank and the Union State bank, all of Portland, and the United States National bank of Salem.

# MAY FREE LOEB-LEOPOLD (Continued from Page One.)

The pardon board has promised to keep the murderers in prison for the terms of their natural lives. Rittenhouse, 37, and it is not to be presumed that the pardon board will fail in its duty to the public."

Classified advertising gets results.

# COOS BAY STAR HURT MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 25.—

(AP)—Harold Carver, former Myrtle Point high school football star, suffered a broken collar bone in practice game with the preparatory Monday. High schools boys beat alumni, 12 to 6.

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## New Sweaters

A new shipment of the latest styles of all-wool sweaters; crew, V-neck and student collars; novelty weaves and plain colors; suitable to be worn with the new Sunburst skirts, **\$3.50** special each

## Washable Card Table Covers

**\$1.25 Values 85c**

These card table covers are 32 1/2 inches square and are made of washable broadcloth fabric with colorful corner designs; come in red, green and black; regular price \$1.25; Wednesday special, each **85c**

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## Crepe Back Satin

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40-inch good quality crepe back satin, in 15 new shades, heavy weight; regular price \$2.45; Wednesday special, **\$1.95** yard

## Blankets

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