

SUGAR EXPERT ASKED TO FIX SLIDING SCALE

White House and Senator Smoot Named in Document Read Before Senate Lobby Probe — Publicity Man Got Big Salary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A document read today before the senate lobby committee said R. L. Purdon, sugar expert of the department of commerce had been asked by the White House and Senator Smoot of Utah to work out a sliding scale for sugar duties. The document was contained in a letter from W. H. Baldwin, publicity man employed to work for lower sugar rates in the tariff bill, to Junior Owens, secretary of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages. The letter said: "I am enclosing a highly confidential memorandum on the sliding scale which you may be interested in seeing." The memorandum said Purdon had been asked by the White House and Senator Smoot to work out a practical sliding scale. "His name must not be mentioned in connection with the following information which he has given," the memorandum added. Baldwin previously testified that he had been paid \$1200 monthly for his work by Owens and that H. H. Pike, New York sugar broker, had added a bonus of \$1000 monthly. Baldwin also said he had visited Mrs. Henry Moskowitz of New York in an effort to get former Governor Smith of New York interested in the sugar tariff. He said she told him to keep her advised and added he did not think he had succeeded in interesting her. "Mr. Smith has made no speeches yet on the subject," he said.

TWO DIE WHEN FLAMES BLOCK EXITS OF HOTEL

Seventy-Four Forced to Street in Scanty Attire As Pittsburg Fire Rages — Incendiarism Suspected By Authorities.

PITTSBURG, Kans., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Two guests of the Wick hotel here were burned to death and five injured early today by fire which forced 74 scantily clad persons to flee from the hotel, and which seriously damaged the three-story building. Authorities were investigating reports that led to suspicion of incendiarism. Damage was estimated by fire department officials at about \$75,000. Flames blocked the front stairway and entrance of the hotel and guests leaped from windows and slid down ropes to safety. Few had time to dress and many braved blizzard conditions in night clothing. The building had no fire escapes, police said. The dead were: Clarence Parker, foreman in a Southern railroad roundhouse in Kansas City, and Ralph Dennis, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dennis of Pittsburg. None of the injured was hurt seriously. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Fire that caused the death of one man and injuries to nearly two score others, and destroyed a million feet of lumber of the Memphis Body corporation, was brought under control early today, after more than five hours. Loss was estimated by officials of the company at \$200,000 or more. In addition five small frame houses near the lumber yard, at Thirteenth and Dunesmill streets, were destroyed.

GANGLAND FIGURES IN TRIAL OF MAGISTRATE



Police, the grand jury and federal government have united in an attempt to unravel charges of murder, banditry, narcotic peddling and official misconduct in investigating the hold up in New York of a dinner given to Magistrate Albert H. Vitale (above, left), which police charge was framed by gangsters. Detective Arthur Johnson (above, right) is charged with allowing himself to be held up during the dinner. Police Inspector Joseph J. Donovan (below, right) is leading the investigation under Commissioner Grover Whalen (below, left).

GRANTS PASS DIST. VOTES FAVORABLY FOR REFUND PLAN

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Settlers on the Grants Pass Irrigation district have voted 446 to 2 to accept a refunding bond plan, which is part of the state's reorganization scheme for that district, according to a telegram received late yesterday by State Engineer Rhea Laper. Laper said he was not ready to make known all details of the plan, but that it had been approved by the state reclamation commission. Laper is on his way to Prineville where he will meet the board of directors of the Ochoco district Thursday and present to them an offer of the bondholders' committee relative to the reorganization of that district. He said the nature of the offer would not be made public until it has been submitted to the directors. The inventory dinner, is enlarging its display windows which will be given over to the display of Medford made products, such as manufacturing concern having the use of the windows for one week.

New Ring Giant Looming in Peoria Truck Chauffeur

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Primo Cornera and Vittorio Compolo, giants of the ring, take heed. James Easte, a 29-year-old truck driver, who stands seven feet in his boot, and weighs slightly more than 200 pounds, aspires to boxing accomplishment and has taken his first step by entering an amateur tournament.

ENGINEERS DELAY CRESCENT HARBOR REPORT FOR DATA

That the army engineers in Washington, D. C., are in need of more data on the Crescent City situation and the proposed improvements for the harbor being urged by the Northern California-Southern Oregon Development Association, before making their report to congress, was the gist of a telegram received this morning by C. E. Gates, association president, from Senator McNary. The situation, the telegram states, has been taken up and discussed by the board of engineers, but due to the need for more data, their work on the project cannot be completed in time for presentation. They asked for additional time for its consideration, and to make a further survey, which, they claimed, could be accomplished within the next four months. Senator McNary asked Mr. Gates, in closing, to keep him advised on the situation, thereby indicating some reasonable hope for congressional consideration. A history of the Northern California-Southern Oregon association and its accomplished work up to date was given by C. E. Gates before the Kiwanis club this noon. That, with a population of only 2500 in the entire county, Dol Norte will not be as greatly benefited by the development of the harbor as will Medford and other towns in southern Oregon, was one statement illustrated by Mr. Gates.

MAYOR EXPECTS TO MAKE NO CHANGES

From all that could be learned today, Mayor Pike at tonight's city council meeting, which will be the first of that body for the next year, will not make any new appointments nor reappointments. For that matter, it has never been customary for the mayor to announce reappointments at the first of every year. On being questioned today as to whether he was going to announce any new appointments or reappointments, the mayor stated that he had no changes under consideration at present, but that he would continue to make a thorough survey of city affairs and offices. St. Helens—Recently constructed modern fire station now being occupied.

INVENTORY DINNER PLANS COMPLETE

Preparations are complete for the first annual community inventory dinner tomorrow evening at 4:30 at the Hotel Medford under the auspices of the Central City Council. An interesting program has been prepared and was announced yesterday. A feature of the program will be the presentation of awards in the recent holiday lighting contest and Leonard P. Reed, assistant manager of the western division of the United States Chamber of Commerce, will be the principal speaker. Ladies are especially invited to be present. Tickets are available at the chamber of commerce at one dollar each and present indications are that there will be a capacity attendance. The chamber of commerce, in keeping with the idea embodied by

O'GRADY OPPONENT CALLED BIG SHOT IN BAY DISTRICT

An Idaho farmer boy, Tuffy O'Dowd, who went to the city, took up fighting and became a success in a modest way will attempt to show Gene O'Grady of Ashland, southern Oregon's pride, how box fighting is done in San Francisco, where he won eight straight bouts recently. He will do the following next Thursday evening at the armory in a ten round main event promoted by Tex Rickerstaff, who will also present the old Portland favorite, Austin Rosander against Ted Evans of San Francisco in the six-round semi-windup.

O'Dowd, whose ancestors hail from Ireland, is classed as a "big shot" in the Golden Gate city, where he has been appearing in several main events, winning most of them by the knockout route. If O'Grady ever went through a serious training program, he is now in the midst of it and is especially anxious to meet O'Dowd, defeat him and gain another opportunity of meeting Ray Pelkey of Oakland. Calif. Pelkey derailed him in Portland a short time ago. It was his first beating after 30 victories. The semi-windup between Austin Rosander and Ted Evans promises to be a hot affair. Both boys are rated as fast and as hard fighters. Their bout is good enough to be a main event. Teddy Miske, spirited battler of California who has been living in Klamath Falls, will meet Sidney Cook in a special four round event. Miske fought in the semi-windup here last time. There will also be two good preliminaries.

SEATTLE CITIZEN GAINS 20 POUNDS

"Stomach trouble cost me a small fortune in the past eight years. I lost weight and strength until I was on the verge of a complete breakdown."



GEORGE BRAZEE
"I decided to try the Sargon treatment so many people were endorsing, and I honestly believe it saved my life. Five bottles taken with the Pills have made me feel like a new man. I've lost anything I want within reason. My stomach and bowels are in fine shape. I've gained 20 pounds, and my strength and vitality are fully restored." — George Brazee, 301 Haight Bldg., Seattle. Mazilli Drug Co., Agents.

AUTO DEALERS PREDICT GREAT BUSINESS YEAR

Large Attendance at Show Creates Optimism — Industry Will Be Greatest Factor in Prosperity, Is Mooney's View.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Large attendances at the national automobile show caused manufacturers and dealers to radiate optimism today as to business prospects for 1930. Announcement was made that yesterday was the greatest Monday in sales and attendance since exhibitions were inaugurated here in 1900. It was estimated that the crowd at Grand Central palace this year would break all records. A prediction that by the end of the year the automobile industry would be the pre-eminent factor not only in American but world prosperity was made by J. D. Mooney, president of the General Motors Export company, as a conference on foreign trade. Yesterday was International day at the show and the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, the sponsors of the show, entertained delegates from 35 nations. Today has been designated as municipal day with George M. Graham, vice-president of the Willys-Overland company, as the keynote speaker at a banquet tonight. Mayor James J. Walker also has been asked to speak.

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January SALE



Boys' Suits REDUCED

Boys' warm all-wool two-piece suits, well made and styled. Some have one long pair of pants and one knicker; others two pair of long pants, good range of sizes, good line of light and dark shades. Single and double-breasted. \$11.95. All have Two Pair of Pants—Regular Values up to \$17.50. MANN'S MEN'S SECTION

Mann's Department Store
"THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY"
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JANUARY SALES

THE Wednesday Specials quoted below are just a few of the many bargains one will find at Mann's Annual January Clearance Sale — Shop at Mann's.

Sweaters
Women's and misses' warm yet light weight sweaters. Ideal to wear under a coat or jacket. Attractive patterns and colors are offered in this group. See them, they are a wonderful value at this low price.
\$2.95 Ea.

Children's Coats
Warm winter coats for the little girl or school miss, coats of all wool broadcloth, chinchilla and sport mixtures, lined and unlined models in both fur trimmed and plain tailored styles, light and dark shades.
1/2 . 1/3 . 1/4 off

Winter Coats
The coat shop offers for Wednesday one dozen warm winter coats, well made garments lined and fur trimmed. Coats that have sold all season for \$22.50. Special Wednesday at half price. These won't last long at this price.
\$11.25 Ea.

Curtain Sets
A special selling of smart colored border curtain sets. These are in the popular ruffled style, color combinations are rose, blue, and green. The set consists of curtains, valance, and tie-backs. Special
\$1.79 Set

Pajamas and Gowns
Womans and misses' splendid quality crepe gowns and pajamas. These are shown in the popular styles and are trimmed with contrasting bands of colored crepe. A complete range of sizes, regular \$1.25 value. Your choice Wednesday
\$1.00 Ea.

Children's Gowns
Warm outing flannel gowns for children. Well made from striped outing in the wanted long sleeve style. Sizes are from 4 to 12 years. Regular 95 values. Your choice Wednesday at Mann's
79c Ea.

Bath Mats
How about an extra mat for the bath room. These 18x26-inch chenille mats come in rich color combinations and are reversible. They are washable and we know they will give long lasting service. Regular \$1.25. Your choice Wednesday
85c Ea.

Overnight Bags
An inexpensive overnight bag that you can be proud to carry. These come in two sizes, are made of black leatherette, cretonne lined and have lock and key. Regular \$2.25. Your choice of size Wednesday for
\$1.69 Ea.

STARTS TOMORROW!

Ward's Coast to Coast Sale
tub fast Wash Dresses

Gay Prints! Plain Pastels! Polka Dots! **98¢** Shop Early! Patterns Limited

\$1.50 to \$1.98 Values!

We purchased more than 100,000 of these becoming tub-frocks in order to make this low price possible! Such clever styles, such extra fine, guaranteed tub-fast materials, such attractive patterns would ordinarily sell for \$1.50 to \$1.95—consequently thrifty women will now supply their needs for months to come. A variety of charming styles! All regular sizes! Extra sizes to 36!

See These Frocks Displayed On Live Models . . . Tomorrow!

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ST. MARY'S HOOPSTERS TO PLAY AT PHOENIX

The St. Mary's basketball team will play the Phoenix high school Wednesday evening at the Phoenix gymnasium. The teams are evenly matched and the game promises to be an exciting one. The St. Marys team is developing into a fast bunch of players and by the end of the season will be able to give any team a run for their money. The Phoenix team is much larger than their opponents but the difference is made up in the speed of the Medford team. Friday evening, January 10th, St. Marys will play the Junior high of Medford in their first scheduled game.

Basketball Scores
(By the Associated Press.)
At Seattle: Washington U., 25; Gonzaga, 21.
At Missoula: Montana U., 29; Idaho U., 24.