

RE-HEARING IN DEATH VERDICT DELAY'D

WITH OUR LEGISLATURE

(BY ASHBY DIXON)
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Interest. The laws of our state provide now that the legal rate of interest shall be 6 per cent per annum, and the contract rate 10 per cent annum. Of course, I do not refer to that preferred class, the money lender, who lends money to the working man at the rate of 26 per cent per annum plus a bonus and other charges. I discussed that class once before, and our efforts to curb that atrocious practice. Thinking that it might be of advantage to the interest paying public to reduce the legal rate of interest from 6 per cent and the maximum contract rate at 19 per cent, and to accomplish that purpose, I introduced Senate bill number 52 on January 19th, and had Senator Sam Brown from Gervis, Marion County, and Senator Hery Hess from La Grande join with me in the bill. The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee on the following day. Senator J. Upton was the chairman of the Judiciary and I was Vice-chairman. We discussed the bill pro and con and on the 10th of February the bill was reported out with the recommendation that it do pass, and the report, adopted, and on the following day the bill came up for third reading. I cannot see why we, during these distressing times, cannot have relief in that respect. Money has varied and peculiar influence and those people who lend money want their interest, and they did not overlook the fact that if my bill passed and became a law it would cut into their earnings and they exercised sufficient influence in the Senate to defeat the bill on third reading.

Shortly after our state was organized and admitted to the Union in 1859, the legislature in 1870 passed a law providing for election contests. The act provided that any person wishing to contest the election of any person to a county, district, town or precinct office, may give notice in writing to the person whose election he intends to contest that his election will be contested, stating the cause of such contest briefly, within 30 days from the time said persons shall claim to have been elected, and then the act further provided for the notice of hearing and how the contest should be carried on and placed the burden of the costs of the contest on the county in which the contest was held. And when the state adopted the initiative and referendum laws in 1907, a manner of election contests was provided for in the new act, but the new act did not repeal the old act, and as a consequence, we have two laws on the statute books providing a manner of election contests.

To remedy this situation and force the contestants to pay their own costs hereafter, I introduced Senate Bill No. 179 on February 2nd, providing for a repeal of the laws of 1870. The bill was referred to the committee on Elections and Privileges. The members of that committee were: Sen. Allan Bynon, chairman, Burk Vice-chairman, Joe Dunne, Mann and Fisher. The committee held the bill from February 3rd until February 21st and reported it out without recommendation and after canvassing the Senate, I found that the opposition to the bill which was led by Senator Bynon was sufficiently strong to defeat it, so I withdrew the bill and it was never voted upon.

Up to this point my batting average in securing the passage of bills I sponsored is zero, (with the exception of the Thomas Bill) but no one can say that any of the bills I have referred to are without merit.

HEAR MOTION FOR NEW JORDAN TRIAL IN OCT.

Portland, Ore., September 1—Hearing for a motion for a new trial before the State Supreme Court in the case of Theodore Jordan, Negro worker, framed on murder charges in Klamath Falls, will not be held until October or November, it was learned by the International Labor Defense, which is leading the campaign for Jordan's release.

The delay was obtained by the Klamath prosecutor, who wanted more time to prepare his brief. Meetings are being held all over the state linking this case with the Scottsboro case in Alabama, and the recent lynching of two Negroes in Tuscaloosa after they were deprived of L. L. D. legal defense on order of the county judge.

NEW YORK MAY GET DAILY

New York, Sept. 1—(ANP)—That the 327,706 Negroes in Greater New York City ought to have a daily newspaper, is the firm conviction of a group of prominent citizens of that city, headed by Mr. William M. Kelly, former editor of the Amsterdam News.

Mr. Kelly in a recent statement mailed to leaders throughout the country, pointed out the possibility of such a project.

A corporation for the actual publishing of the daily has been formed, and officers elected. Dr. George E. Haynes, secretary of the Interracial commission, is assistant treasurer.

MR. AND MRS. BISHOP RETURN
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bishop have returned to their home in Portland, from vacationing in California.

Miss Thima Johnson sustained painful injuries when she was thrown to the pavement by a bus which started up too soon as she was about to alight at 32nd and Knott streets last Friday morning. She is being treated by Dr. DeNorval Unthank.

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DOUBLE KILLER ELECTROCUTED

Huntsville, Tex., Sept. 1—(ANP)—R. T. Bennett convicted slayer, was electrocuted here last week. Bennett was calm as he entered the death chamber. A half smile was displayed as he took his seat and the black hood was quickly clasped over his head. He had been accused of the murder of a white woman last December, and the killing of a policeman in a gun duel recently.

Bennett talked to no one save the Catholic priest. He expressed regret that he had committed his crimes and said that he had made "peace with God". He thanked the priest who accompanied him on the death march.

Last December local police were baffled by the mysterious murder of a woman film magnate, Leona Buchanan. Recently Bennett was captured after slaying a police officer in a gun battle following a robbery. He is alleged to have signed confessions that he was the slayer of the woman.

Later on the witness stand he repudiated his confessions, charging he was beaten by officers and he was afraid not to sign the confessions. He was sentenced to the chair at this trial.

Recently he called the warden of the jail and told him that he wanted to die with a clear conscience. He stated that he had gotten religion and God told him to make a clean breast of things. He then confessed the slaying of the woman.

He had killed the woman with her stocking after entering her apartment while she lay asleep, seized two rings and ten dollars in cash and escaped.

PYTHIANS BALKED BY DEPRESSION DETERMINE TO CARRY ON

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 26 (ANP)—The Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias moved quietly into the World's Fair city Tuesday and opened its 27th Bi-annual session at its magnificent building, the National Pythian Temple and closed as quietly Thursday evening. All officers were unanimously re-elected. The closing night of the convention was climaxed with a brilliant military ball at the 8th Infantry Armory building. It was indeed a "Century of Progress" for the American Negro.

The Pythian Temple Commission met Monday to insure the preparations for housing the meet of the progressive fraternity. Tuesday morning the majestic building was gaily decorated with flags and bunting. The very building itself was inspiring. It represented a racial achievement.

The business session of the order began Tuesday morning and continued until Thursday. At the opening of the conference Hon. S. W. Green, supreme chancellor, presided.

The bi-annual report of the secretary of the endowment department read in part for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1933.

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ORIENTAL

The two-fisted, handsome, stalwart hero, Richard Dix of old, returns to the screen at the Oriental theatre in the gripping melodrama "No Marriage Ties".

UNITED ARTISTS

Still the most popular picture in town, "Tugboat Annie" enters its third week at the United Artists theatre.

Devotees of Marie Dressler have been virtually unanimous in declaring this film the most satisfactory of her many screen vehicles. The tone of the story is happy in spite of considerable pathos, and it gives ample expression to the talent and personality which have made Miss Dressler America's best-loved character actress. Wallace Beery also appears in the kind of characterization which brings out his best work. The romance of the story is carried by Maureen O'Sullivan and Robert Young.

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Friday and Saturday, Sept. 1 and 2, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Leo Carrillo and Bette Davis in "Parachute Jumper", plus Andy Clyde in "Boy, Oh, Boy!" first run news and other shorts; Sunday and Monday, Sept. 3 and 4, Lee Tracey, Gloria Stuart, Donald Cook in "Private Jones" with Gra-

ham MacNamee News and selected shorts; Tues. Wed. Thurs., Sept 5, 6, 7, Irene Dunne, Phillips Holmes, Una Merkel and Lionel Atwill in "The Secret of Madam Blanche" from the story, "The Lady"; first run news and other short subjects.

If you are undecided how to spend Labor Day, why not go to Salem and visit the State Fair. In the evening return to Portland and attend the Elks' Ball.

COLORED STEPPERS AT LIBERTY

The Three Ebony Steppers, versatile tap and eccentric dancers are headliners at the Liberty Theatre this week. They present a whirling dance act that has them all talking.

Harris and Gold in a round of laughs with knockabout comedy; Billy Elliot, black-face comedian; Roy Cummings and Florence Robert, stage a further comedy series, combined with clever acrobatics and falls; Harper's Revue, six youthful dancers, and a roller-skates number, complete the stage offering.

On the screen is featured, "Her Body Guard", a gay romantic comedy of back stage theatre life with Wynne Gibson and Edmund Lowe playing the major roles, supported by Johnny Hines.

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