

INDEPENDENCE, Ore. (AP)—Mayor Ray Dunkel fired Police Chief George Utley Wednesday night, but failed to get him off the payroll at once.

He handed Utley a letter, terminating Utley's services Dec. 31. The letter asserted Utley was not cooperative and had not maintained accord in the police department.

Utley demanded a hearing, but the mayor refused. Utley also asked that the mayor be more specific in his charges.

"If the city levies these charges against me, I feel I certainly have a right to be heard," said Utley.

The mayor tried to get the City Council to put Utley on vacation without pay at once, but councilman Kenneth Cooper blocked that move. The mayor said he would try again at a special council meeting Thursday night.

CAN'T SEE IT

Platinum wire so fine that it can't be seen except under magnification is used to make the crosshairs in some microscopes and telescopes. Diameters range downward to some four-one-hundred-thousandths of an inch.



In the light from a window of an inn, Reynard placed cheese, corn and tender grasses upon the ground.



"Surely Rat and Hen and Lamb will stop to sample these morsels when they pass by," mused the fox without a tail.



Reynard ducked into a nearby shadow and waited, licking his chops.

Democrat State Senators To Meet Monday; Will Try Healing Split

EUGENE (AP)—Another caucus of Democratic state senators will come up next Monday night at Salem in an attempt to heal the split over selection of the next Senate president.

State Sen. Robert W. Straub of Eugene, Democratic state chairman, called the caucus, saying, "It seems to me very appropriate that members of the same political party should sit down together and try to work out our differences."

In an earlier caucus a majority of Senate Democrats supported Sen. Alfred Corbett of Portland for the presidency, but seven others, who favor Sen. Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls, stayed away.

Boivin later said the support of those seven, plus nine Republicans, assures him of the Senate presidency.

In the ensuing controversy Sen. Walter Pearson, Portland, who was Senate president at the last session of the legislature, suggested that Straub should resign as party chairman. Pearson said he supports Boivin.

Straub rejected that suggestion. Ten county Democratic central committees since have announced support of Straub and said all Senate Democrats should support the caucus choice.

Another Boivin supporter said, however, that he will not attend the caucus next Monday.

Sen-elect Thomas R. Mahoney of Portland said at Portland that the right to call a caucus belongs only to Pearson until a new Senate president is selected.

Straub said he hoped all Senate Democrats will attend.

"I see no reason why senators supporting Boivin would be unwilling to attend a caucus with fellow Democrats. I called this meeting for Dec. 12 so it will be convenient for Sen. Boivin's supporters to attend, as a majority of them will be in Salem anyway at that time for an interim committee meeting. I feel quite sure that most of Sen. Boivin's supporters will attend the caucus," Straub said.

Bees Sick

SALEM (AP)—The state Department of Agriculture said Wednesday more American foulbrood, a deadly, infectious disease for bees, was found in Oregon bees this year than in many past years.

The disease was found in 4.29 per cent of the 29,045 colonies inspected, compared to 2.88 per cent in 1959.

Counties with more than 5 per cent infection were Clackamas, Deschutes, Hood River, Jefferson, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Umatilla, Washington and Yamhill.

Stock Is Burned

SALEM (AP)—The state Department of Agriculture plant division chief said Wednesday the only pine stock in Oregon infested with European pine shoot moth was burned this week.

Hugh Taylor, division chief, said that because of this no interior quarantine now is contemplated in Oregon.

The single infestation was found in a Portland nursery where all host pine species had been held under department order and then burned.

Oregon Men Killed

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP)—Federal Highway Police have identified two American sailors killed in an automobile accident Tuesday as former Oregon residents.

They were Orville Neal Dow, 20, of route 2, box 41, Silverton, and Robert David West, 17, of Rockaway.

They were found dead by their overturned automobile on a highway 11 miles south of here. There was another car overturned nearby but no occupants.

Investigators speculated that the cars were racing or that one accidentally forced the other off the highway.

Tax Meet Set

EUGENE (AP)—The Oregon Society of Public Accountants will hold its annual tax forum here Friday.

Andrew G. Iskra, president of the Eugene chapter, said topics will range from the Internal Revenue Service Code to "tax gimmicks."

Teamsters Deny

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Joint Council of Teamsters said Wednesday it has no intention of

organizing farm workers into a union.

Nor, said Emery R. Huntoon, public relations director for the council, have the Teamsters any plans for helping another union to organize the workers.

Huntoon said there had been an increasing number of reports recently that a union of farm workers was to be set up with Teamster help. He said such reports were without foundation.

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