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36TH YEAR.

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1918.

PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS CENTS.

# HE SAYS \$12 WAGE WOULD RUIN STATE :

From Which It Is Seen the Big . Witness Thinks His Business the Whole State.

AGREE ON MINIMUM WAGE .

Millionaire Says: "My Firm Pays Market Wages, and We Therefore Do All Required of Us.

Chicago, March 11 .- Joseph Basch, vice-president of the Siegel-Cooper Copany, testified yesterday afternoon THE DRY that his concern employes 1250 women and girls. They earn, he said, an average of \$8.50 a week, the minimum Deing \$3.50.

Basch denied low wages is responsible for the downfall of girls.

"It is not poverty that makes girls go wrong, but evil minds," he said. Basch defended the system of paying girls less than they can live on, saying it gave them an opportunity to school

Sezator Juul interrupted the witness here to say that a girl who received less than a living wage must either starve, steal or become immoral.

"Would you want your daughter put

As Good as the Others.

The latter evaded the question.

"My son is working in the store as an apprentice," he said, adding that he would favor a minimum wage law if it provided a period of apprenticeship for young girls.

"My firm pays market wages," said Basch. "When we do as much as our neighbors, we have done our part.

He fixed \$9 as the weekly minimum on which a girl could live but declared that any law providing a weekly wage of \$12 "would ruln Illinois."

Large business interests, it was reported this afternoon, are bringing strong pressure to bear on the probers. suggesting that the committee is going "a little too far with its investigation."

#### Portland Wakes Up.

Portland, Or., March 11,-Prominent social workers and and club women of question is merely one feature of a Portland are heartly in favor of the general election interest in the quesinvestigation being made by Illinois tion is frequently lost. Another reasenatorial committee at Chicago into son was that it will be practically imthe low wages paid women workers possible for the wet forces to colonize and the possible connection between low wages and the while slave traffic. Two Portlanders who have spent much the liquor question is an issue. time in the study of this question, expresed themselves as follows:

Dr. R. S. Fisher, one time member of the medical staff of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago: "I am strongly in sides in city affairs, were both present favor of the senatorial investigation at the meeting and each applauded into the low wages now being carried vigorously what the other had to say, on in Chicago. There is no doubt but what low wages contribute to the men will join their efforts to make the downfall of girls in many instances. town dry. Many girls will go wrong regardless of wages and many others would not fall no matter what the temptations, cial election by ordinance after the but there is a class that when they can not get food and shelter and stay straight, they will go wrong. Any one cial election to be held. The charter who has over lived in Chicago knows is independent of the state statute. that girls cannot live on \$4 or \$5 a week."

Low Wages the Cause,

Miss Caroline Gleason, social worker and director of the wage survey

that low wages, too hard work and for the Humphreys brothers, claiming too long hours are largely responsible that newly discovered evidence would for the downfall of many girls in the indicate that a man named North, an shops, stores and factories of this itinerant dentist, who was at Philocountry. Girls do not enter into a life math as the time of the murder, next of prostitution deliberately, but they day had a sum of money about equal gradually drift into it because they to the sum Mrs. Eliza Griffith, the must supplement their wages in order murdered woman was supposed to to eat three meals a day and have a have had. North left soon after. He roof over their heads. From long purchased a suit in Portland, leaving hours and inadequate nourishment and his old suit, the coat of which was clothing a girl grows weak not only found to have blood-stains on it, and physically but morally."

#### San Francisco Stirred.

San Francisco, March 11 .- "Any tained in the last two weeks. thing that turns attention of the general public, or the careless consumer, on the struggle girls are making in our midst to merely live is a good operate in conection with the Panama portion; Wednesday fair with rising thing," said Miss Katherine Felton, head of the Associated Charities, today speaking of Senator Grant's proposed bill. If the investigations that are being made in Illinois and other states. the investigation Senator Grant is about to have warted in California accomplished nothing else, they would

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A Woman Burglar,

San Francisco, March 11 .--Search for a woman burglar who fled east from here February 28 with more than \$50,000 + was started today by the San + Francisco police after they had \* wrung from Otto Owen, alias 4 O. D. Conn, of Chicago, the admission that the woman helped + him in robberies throughout California which ended here Saturday when Owen was shot by the police. Owen, the police say, told them that the woman came here with him from Chleago and that she was the brains of the partnership.

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Decide to Hold an Election Early in May-Preliminaries Are All Arranged.

With a whooping display of verbal and financial pyrotechnics the campaign to make Salem a dry town was officially launched at a meeting at the First Baptist church at noon today, Upon a motion made by P. F. Schrock troducing his remedy for the "white trustees of Albany college, respond in that position?" Senator Juul asked the board of directors of the Municipal plague." Improvement league was authorized to take the necessary steps for an election on the liquor question at the earliest possible moment.

The election will without doubt be held early in May. A special provision girl lives in the wilds of Northern of the Salem charter makes an election possible at that time, and if the election is to be held in the course of the summer, it is the desire of the to place her name on the list for treatleague as voiced by R. A. Harris, state printing expert, to hold it before a large part of the population leaves the city on summer vacation trips.

Expense Not Great. The prevailing opinion of the gathering was that a special election can be held in Salem for little more than \$250, but President Jenks declared that the treasury should contain 500 good substantial fron men before the ampaign is far along.

It was pointed out that a special election is desirable for two main reasons. One is that if the liquor or a special election as they some times do for general elections where

Minton and Rigdon There.

W. T. Rigdon and E. C. Minton, the two fighting members of the city council, who are nearly always on opposite and they had a lot to say. The two

A special provision of the Salem charter makes it possible to call a spepeople have presented to the council an initiative petition asking for a spe-

#### ASKS FOR CLEMENCY FOR HUMPHREAS BROTHERS

H. J. Parkison, of Portland, attorney conducted by the Consumers' League: for the Humphreys, appeared before "There is absolutely no doubt but the governor today asking elemency an analysis showed this to be human blood. North has vanished. This evidence Parkinson says has been ob-

Hill Orders Two

Big steamships. Just where they famous Tashmoo cigar to the front.

Must Muzzle Hatpins,

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WISE, ] Boston, Mass., March 11 .- A hatpin Foss here today. Hereafter any woman not properly safeguarding her hatpin points will be fined \$190.

### FRIEDMANN GIVEN A WARM WELCOME :

Leading Montreal Physicians Meet Him at Depot and Escort Him to Hotel.

ADMINISTERS SERUM

His Heart Touched by Pitiful Condition of Girl, and She Was First to Be Given Treatment.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Montreal, March 11.-Hearty welcome was extended here today to Dr. Frederick Franz Friedman, discoverer of a tuberculosis serum, when he ar rived to confer with Montreal physicians. Colonel Burland, chief benefactor of the Royal Tuberculosis institute, greeted Dr. Friedmann at the depot, and escorted him to a hotel, where a score of prominent physicians awaited him.

After a brief conference Dr. Friedman went to the institute, where he administered his serum to a number of patients in the presence of 50 physiclans. All the doctors who welcomed Friedmann were most friendly, and assured him of their support in in-

Mary Rancour, aged 16, a tubercular patient whose parents had died of the disease, touched Friedmann's heart at the institute clinic, and, as a result, she was first patient treated. The Canada, and hearing that Friedmann was coming, she made the trip to Montreal alone and applied to the officials

Mary Rancour has pulmonary tuberculosis in an advanced stage. She arrived at the institution hours before Friedmannn reached the city, and waited in an onte-room. When Dr. Friedmann entered she was the first he saw. She had tears in her eyes, Friedmann looked at her chart and shook his head. But he looked again at the child's tears, poticed her trembling mouth and said: "We'll try to save her." She was the first taken into the clinic.

DEFENDANT USED ALL KINDS OF WEAPONS

City Attorney Page and Councilman Macy are the legal representatives in which is being heard before Judge El-

gin in the recorder's court this morn-Day is charged with disorderly conduct, which is alleged to be the result of a fight with Fred Corbin in a lodging house on North Liberty street. Councilman Macy is representing Day.

On the witness stand this morning, Corbin testified that, in order to save his life, he hit Day with an ax, his fists, threatened him with a knife and finally struck him with a milk bottle. He told Judge Elgin that Day rushed at him with a butcher knife, with the intention of killing him, and for the defendant being knocked down. Both combatants were in court. Day sat with a plaster over his right temple, and showed City Attorney Page a hole in his head, where he says Corbin struck him with the ax. Corbin's right arm is in a sling, and a long Justice Burnett. mark over his forehead shows that he sel for the defense and Corbin took place, and Judge Elgin was compelled Justice McBride. repeatedly to interpose objections to

instion was being carried on. afternoon, owing to the number of Justice Eakin. witnesses to be examined. The proward to with interest, as several woby the witnesses,

Weather Forecast.

INVESTOR PUBLIC LEARED WINE! Portland, Ore., March 11.-Weather forecast, Oregon: Pair tonight with county, reversed. Justice Moore. will be placed is unknown, but will light frost west and heavy frost east canal, and in so doing will bring the temperature. Northwesterly winds.

Nearly Four Miles.

TUNITED PRESS LEARED WIRE. Buc aerodrome.

Protects the Postal.

Chicago, March II.-United States District Judge Carpenter + today permanently enjoined two + Chicago locals of the Interna- + tional Brotherhood of Electric- 4 al Workers from molesting the + property of the Postal Telegraph company. The Postal • printed copies of the order on + placards and posted them on telegraph poles throughout the city. District Attorney Wilkerson asked the injunction.

# ALBANY COLLEGE CAN SELL THE LAND

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Supreme Court Holds It Is Owner in Fee-Seven Other Cases Decided This Morning.

the institution, if the land was not sold to a religious denomination other than the Presbyterian church, the supreme court this morning, in an opinion written by Justice McBride, affirmed the opinion of the lower court for Lion county, in the case of the board of ents, against C. M. Montelth, et al., sppeliants.

the college a deed to four blocks of week." land in Albany. By mistake two of the blocks were omitted from the description, but the plaintiff took possession of the land, and used it until not questioned by the defendant, but ture. when the college recently purchased other property, presumably with the intention of disposing of some of the land deeded by the Monteiths, the latter declared that the college was not the owner in fee simple, and asked for a decision of the court, declaring the college trustees to be trustees of the property, and for a dismissal of the suit. The court decreed that the college was the owner of the land in fee simple.

In his opinion, Justice McBride holds not sold to a religious denomination struggle," the case of the City vs. Frank Day, other than the Presbyterian church. It is held that the sale would not be in violation of the trust, and that any founds derived from the sale are impressed with the original trust, and must be applied to the improvement of the college, as designated in the deed.

Waring Case Remanded.

An opinion written by Justice Bean remands to the lower court the case of W. W. Walker, et al., respondents, against J. D. Waring and the Capital City Nursery Co., appellants, an action for the collection \$3398.76.

The remanding carries directions to credit the defendants in the case with would have succeeded had it not been that amount and to enter judgment for the balance.

> Other opinions handed down today were the following:

John Deckenbach, et al., appellants, against Johanna Deckenbach, respondent. Multnomah county, affirmed |

C. A. Moore and L. L. Foster, plaindid not get off without damage. Much tiffs and appellants, against the United bickeing upon the part of the coun- Elkhorn Mines, respondents, Baker county, petition for rehearing denied.

Dan R. Murphy, plaintiff and appelthe manner in which the cross-exam- lant, against Lydia C. Tillson and An- gles. na B. Smith, defendants and respond-The case will extend through the ets. Multnomah county, affirmed.

Chasteen Hughes, John Bird and W ceedings were evidently looked for- H. Parker, plaintiffs and appellants. against Evan Evans, defendants and men were in attendance, and took respondents, Polk county, affirmed. careful note of the statements made Juctice Eakin. This case was an action to collect a commission for the spic of real estate. The court declared the contract void.

M. Yasul, respondent, against A. C. Hallam, et al., appellants, Hood River

Salvation Army.

Brigadier Robert Dubbin, from Se attle, officer in charge of Washington and Oregon, will be in the city tomorrow, Wednesday, March 12, to conplete the arrangements for Command. Paris, March 11 .- A new record for er Miss Booth's lecture at the opera muzzling" act is signed by Governor altitude was established here today, house. The brigadier will conduct a when Aviator Perreyon, in a mono- public meeting at the Salvation Army plane, ascended 19,800 fet from the hall Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, All are heartfly invited to come.

## NATION IS STIRRED TO PROFQUND DEPTHS :

Appeals Pouring Into Congress + to Establish a Minimum Wage Law

CALIFORNIA IS AWAKENED +

And Colorado Also Takes a Hand-Movement to Protect Girls Is Becoming Country-Wide.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, March 11.-Stirred to iction by the revelations uncovered in action by the revelations uncovered in the "starvation wages" probe in Chicago, appeals for immediate consideration of a minimum wage law for women poured in here today on members of congress. The pleas came from nearly every state in the union and as Holding that Albany college had a a result it was predicted that the wage right to sell the involved land and use problem would be considered at the the proceeds for the improvement of regular session of congress next December.

Congressman Peters of Massachusetts has interested himself in the movement.

"The testimony in Chicago," he said shows exactly what any one studying the subject knows-that a girl getting from \$4 to \$5 weekly must ask favors outside to support herself. I favor a minimum law and believe the bedrock The Monte ths, in 1869, delivered to of that law should not be below \$6 a.

Colorado to Help.

the commencement of the suit shortly army of girl and women workers who after January 1, 1913. The intent on maintained their purity in the face of the part of the grantors, to convey to grinding poverty was voiced here tothe college all of the land now occu- day by Agnes Riddell, a member of known to nature, except amongst the pied and claimed by the college, is the lower house of the state legisla-

"It is wonderful how these girls" said Representative Riddell, "keep in with nature it is otherwise, as it has followed to the letter, and that all monthe straight path when one considers the ability to adjust itself to envithe conditions under which they labor, True, some fall, but, thank God, the great majority remain good.

"However, conditions are no better or worse here than those brought to probe and an investigation is needed that the deed was a gift for charitable of living and unhealthful self-denial, said, is the intelligent application of never been discharged. He has been purposes, and that the college has no matter how determined she may be economic laws. power to sell the land, as long as it is to maintain her purity in the terrific

Mrs. Riddell also anno termination to introduce a resolution or three thousand years, and offered for an investigation of wage conditions proof in the form of civilization, disin Colorado.

Los Angeles Bad-

Los Angeles, Cal., March 11.-Pro- years ago. viding material for immediate further investigation, startling reports of wages paid and conditions provailing among working girls in Los Angeles are on file today with a municipal

violated by a garment factory.

One girl employe of five and ten condition daily on an average because tury substitute in the form of "scratch of poor ventilation.

eceive \$4 weekly.

Many girls employed on laundry angles receive \$4 weekly. Standing advertisements in newspa-

pers provide a supply of laundry workers to replace girls injured on man-Hotels refuse to employ chamber-

maids except through employment agencies, which collect ten per cent of the first month's wages. The average life of trained nurses.

after beginning their practice, is but six years. Mrs. D. P. Noel, a member of the

ommission, after an investigation of wages pald by the P. A. Newmark ompany, garment workers, reported that one girl whose case she heard, has received an average of \$6.30 a week for ien weeks' work, her lowest wage weekly during this period being \$3.42 and highest \$10. She said that the girl workers are paid by the piece, and that If their machines break down they are no paid for the time they are idle vhile it is being repaired.

Members of the commission an ounced that hereafter more attention o investigation of individual complaints will be given, and that where

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Took His Leg Along.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 11 .- 4 A story of great fortitude and 4 extraordinary presence of mind + is recorded at the country town . of Gunnedah in this state, + where a 13-year-old boy had his + leg cut off, but picked the limb . up and drove off to the hospital 4 with it to be attended to. Stanley Huxley, the lad's name, had . his right leg cut off by a wag-

on. He immediately climbed + into the wagon, and calmly requested a bystander to hand up the leg to him. He then drove to the general hospital here and and it is believed that he will

# FORMS OF EPIDEMIC

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And Labor Trouble, Too, Are All to Be Ended by 1960, Says Canadian Professor.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Edmonton, Alta., March 11.-Professor Francis J. Lewis, of the department of biology at the University of Alberta, in Edmonton, said in the course of a public address here recenty that, with the knowledge already possessed by science it should be possible to remove every form of epidemic from the known world within 50 years. He added that this conclusion also fits the economic world, says its Denver, Colo., March 11.—Stirring application to the strife between captribute to the rank and file of Denver's ital and labor would remove all friction before the close of 1960.

Referring to the question of disease, the speaker said there is none human race, which means either extermination or readjustment. The former results in the case of man; but ronment and conditions.

Delving into the subject of organic treasury? evidences of evolution, he showed the process which is at work in the physlight in Chicago's 'starvation wage' for existence is confined solely to the three times \$75. For the \$75 that members of their class. He laid spe- was paid out no report has been made. here. It is not right to deny any girl cial stress upon the statement that the The name of the officer has never a living wage, subject her to the terri- different classes are not in competibeen divulged. He has never qualified fic pressure of low pay, the high cost tion with each other. The remedy, he for office by taking an oath. He has

> opposition to the orthodox view that the people of this city ed her de- man has existed on the earth only two covered in Java, that man, in very primitive condition, existed during the tertiary period, or many millions of

HENS IN DISGRACE

AND EGGS A CENT APIECE

The lowly hen will do well to keep commission appointed by the city within the bounds of her own back council. Following are some of the yard, now that the auburban resident charges made by the commissioners at is making the dirt fly preparatory for the weekly meeting of the organiza- the conglomeration of garden truck which he either buys outright or re-The 8-hour law for women is being celves by parcel post from the government.

The old saying of "kick my dog; cent stores is carried out in a fainting kick me" now has a twentieth cenmy garden; scratch me." Chief of Many girls in five and ten-cent stores Police Shedeck is receiving several complaints daily from persons whose much-valued gardens are said to be suffering from roaming chickens. It so happens each spring that the officers are oppealed to by the producaof family garden truck, and the chief has printed notices which he sends to the chicken owners, warning them to keep their feathered stock on their

ing. One frate citizen residing in East was: liberately shot three of his chickens, he was? and threw the over the fence into the yard where they originally beneighbors set dogs on the chickens ton which chance to stroll out of their own yards.

A. W. Schaupp Appointed.

Governor West this morning apcointed A. W. Schaupp county attor- Minton. The chief has said that beney for Wallowa county. No other appointments were made this forenoon-

Every girl loves a lover.

## RIGDON HAS MINTON'S SCALP ON HIS BELT

Roasts Committee and Also the Mayor for Ways That Are Devious and Dark

DEMANDS PUBLICITY

And by Resolution Takes From the Committee Power to Employ Special Secret Officer.

With the introduction of a resolution last night, aimed at the authority granted the health and police committtee at a previous meeting, to employ secret police officers, and with brawny statements to back each section of the resolution, Alderman Rigdon administered a smashing wallop to Alderman Minton, of the fifth ward, that sent him groggy, figuratively speaking for the rest of the night. Incidentally Mr. Rigdon landed on the mayor for a few stiff prods. The mayor didn't counter. The resolution was

adopted, and the evening was Rigdon's The Rigdon resolution rescinded the former resolution, giving the police committee power to employ secret officers. Rigdon centered his attack on the payment of a month's salary to some unknown policeman which the belligerent alderman declared should have been appproved by the committee on accounts and current expenses. He said that at the time it was his firm intention to enjoin the payment. Since the mayor had allowed the payment, however, he declared his intention to enjoin any further action of that nature, at his own expense

Minton Arch Conspirator.

"Isn't it astonishing," yelled Rigdon, that a councilman who has howled his head off that the charter must be ey must be accounted for, is the arch conspirator in this grab on the city

"Had we employed three special officers, as was requested, the money ical world, declaring that the struggle paid out would have amounted to paid through the mayor. That places Professor Lewis was emphatic in his the mayor in a peculiar position before

Chief Knows Him Not.

"Even the chief of police doesn't know who this mysterious special officer is. The charter says that all policemen must qualify before the chief. It says that all money paid must be a matter of record. We have no record of this payment. The mayor has advocated the widest publicity of all business coming before this council, yet this has never been made even a matter of record. The charter says. that all officers must assist the chief in his various duties, yet the chief doesn't know who this officer is. The city marshal and the city recorder say they have seen no results of this officer's service or of the payment of the money. Those who do this kind of business never go down to the bottom of things, and investigate from the bottom. They scratch around on the ton and obscure the foundation, then swear by all that is great and good that there is no foundation. There is no doubt in my mind that if any citizen of this city wants to start proceedings to have this money returned he will not have the least difficulty in difficulty in winning his case."

Minton Takes Floor,

"I am glad to see the gentleman so own property. One complainant from eloquent," said Alderman Minton. South Salem declares that he has when Rigdon had finished, and speakplanted his garden three times this ing more calmly than is his wont. season, and that his neighbor's hens "But he is much mistaken about some are waxing fat on the fruits of his la- things. He said that this special officer was unknown. The mayor and Chicken owners are also complain- the committee have known who he

Salem declares that his neighbor de- Rigdon-Do the records show who

Minton ignored the question "The alderman has said that the oflonged. Others complain that their floor was never aworn in," began Mis-

> Rigdon-Who did it? Minton-The mayor.

Ripdon-Is it on file? Minton-No. I don't think it is. "It is no insult to the chief of potice that the officer was secret," continued

way in which the officer was note bis (Continued on page 5.)

did not care to know who he was. The