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BUREAU TO CONDUCT DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

CAMPAIGN TO CONTINUE TO JULY 15—PERMANENT OR- GANIZATION EFFECTED.

Local farmers who want to join the 200 who are now members of the Thurston County Farm Bureau may do so until July 15 on the same basis as the charter members, the members decided at the organization meeting held in this city last Saturday. On this basis the payment of \$1 dues pays for a membership until January 1, 1921.

From 200 to 250 farmers from all parts of the county attended last Saturday's meeting, effected a permanent organization, elected officers, and made various recommendations to the executive committee as to the work to be undertaken. The charter membership of the local Bureau considerably exceeds the number enrolled when the Clarke and Lewis county bureaus were organized.

The morning session was devoted to hearing the reports and recommendations of the various committees, including suggestions as to the work to be undertaken. Chief among these were the proposals of the dairy committee that a cow-testing association be organized, and that bull clubs be formed in different communities.

All of the Bureau's work is to be carried on by committees under the general supervision of the executive committee. These committees average 10 members and are composed of the member selected by the community branch to carry on the particular work in that community, the general committee planning the county-wide features of the work while the individual member attends to it in his community.

The general program of work is determined by the executive committee, which delegates the duty of carrying out each activity to the proper committee, and the chairman of these project committees constitute the members of the executive committee. These chairmen were elected at Saturday's meeting.

J. A. Donnelly of Chambers' Prairie, who was chairman of the temporary organization, was elected president of the Bureau and continued as chairman of the organization committee. L. O. Cochrane of Yelm was named vice president, and delegated as chairman of the educational committee which will handle the extension schools; and Charles E. Starr of Mud Bay was elected secretary-treasurer and chairman of the publicity committee.

The other members of the executive committee and the project committees of which they were named chairmen are: Sam Price, Yelm, dairying; A. A. Nelson, Plumb Lacey, livestock; Wm. NalSmith, Lacey, horticultural; A. J. Johnson, Little Rock, marketing; George E. Stearns, South Bay, soils and crops; Mrs. W. D. Cook, Mud Bay, food and shelter in home work; Mrs. Charles Wilson, Lacey, clothing in home work; Mrs. A. A. Tibbets, Little Rock, boys and girls' club work; with R. H. Goddard of Grand Mound as alternate if Mrs. Tibbets cannot serve.

The executive committee will hold

CITY AWARDS SEVERAL IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

South End Sidewalks to Be Paved and Several Alleys Improved.

The awarding of contracts for various local improvements was the most important business transacted at the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening.

The following awards were made: Paving of sidewalks in the south end of Olympia, \$6,829.40; awarded to Lott & Curtin of Olympia; alley between Seventh and Eighth streets, from Central to Boundary, \$853.48, awarded to J. Gummert; alley between Fifth and Sixth streets, from Pear to Quince, \$306.50, to F. D. Frost; 1,400 feet of wood stave water pipes, contract given to Martin Hardware company.

Work on all the street improvements will commence at once. The council also discussed an ordinance which would prohibit anything but wooden or cloth signs and not allowing any paper signs to be posted within the city limits. This matter was referred to the street committee.

JOINT PIONEER PICNIC

Thurston and Pierce County Old-Timers to Gather at Pt. Defiance.

Thurston county pioneers and friends are to be the guests of the members of the Pierce County Society at their annual picnic at Pt. Defiance, Tacoma, next Wednesday, July 9th, M. D. Abbott, secretary of the local society, announces.

Members of the two societies hold their annual picnics jointly, one year at Priest Point park in this city, the next at Pt. Defiance, and the gatherings are always well attended. W. P. Bonney, secretary of the state society and president of the Pierce county society, writes Secretary Abbott that he expects a big delegation of Oregon pioneers at this year's picnic.

SIGNING OF TREATY ENDS WORLD WAR

FORMAL CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT VERSAILLES LAST SATURDAY.

The greatest war of all time was formally ended last Saturday afternoon when Germany and the Allied powers signed the treaty of peace at Versailles.

Signatures were affixed to the great document in the Hall of Mirrors within a few yards of the spot in the same hall where William I had himself crowned emperor of Germany, and where the German empire was proclaimed.

The hall was crowded when the German delegates, Foreign Minister Mueller and Colonial Minister Bell entered and took their seats at 3:08 o'clock. Mueller was first to sign at 3:12 o'clock. Bell was next. President Wilson signed at 3:14 o'clock, then Premier Lloyd George two minutes later. Entire delegations then signed in this order:

United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and the smaller powers. Chinese delegates absented themselves, refusing to participate on account of the Shantung settlement, and it was reported that they had cabled Pekin for instructions. General Smuts, signing for South Africa, did so under protest and issued a statement setting forth his reasons.

In an address to the American people, issued from Washington, D. C., after the treaty had been signed, President Wilson made a plea for the acceptance of the treaty and the covenant of the league of nations without change or reservation. The statement said:

"My Fellow Countrymen: The treaty of peace has been signed. If it is ratified and acted upon in full and sincere execution of its terms, it will furnish the charter for a new order of affairs in the world. It is a severe treaty in the duties and penalties it imposes upon Germany, but it is severe only because great wrongs done by Germany are to be righted, and repaired; it imposes nothing that Germany cannot do; and she can regain her rightful standing in the world by a prompt and honorable fulfillment of its terms.

"And it is much more than a treaty of peace with Germany. It liberates great peoples who have never before been able to find the way to liberty. It ends, once for all, an old and intolerable order under which small groups of selfish men could use the peoples of great empires to serve their ambition. It associates the free governments of the world in a permanent league in which they are pledged to use their united power to maintain peace by maintaining right and justice.

"It makes international law a reality, supported by imperative sanctions. It does away with the right to conquest and rejects the policy of annexation and substitutes a new order, under which backward nations—populations which have not yet come to political consciousness, and peoples who are ready for independence, but not yet quite prepared to dispense with protection and guidance—shall no more be subjected to the domination and exploitation of a stronger nation, but shall be put under the friendly direction and afforded the helpful assistance of governments which undertake to be responsible for the opinion of mankind in the execution of their task by accepting the direction of the league of nations. It recognizes the inalienable rights of nationality; the rights of minorities and the sanctity of religious belief and practice. It lays the basis for conventions which shall free the commercial intercourse of the world from

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SEATTLE MURDER CAR FOUND AT M'CLEARY

FOR HIRE AUTO, WHOSE OWNER WAS SLAIN, BURNED INTO CHARRED WRECK.

The charred wreck of the seven-passenger car in which Thomas Ryan, a Seattle for-hire automobile driver, was slain on the Pacific Highway bridge at Duwamish station Monday morning, was found that night near McCleary, 20 miles west of Olympia. The tires had been stripped from the car, brush piled in it, gasoline poured on, and then the mass set afire.

The slayer of the auto driver evidently believed he had secreted the body so that no trace of it would be found until he had ample time to escape and that he had thought to make his escape doubly certain by burning the car so as to hide its identity. The body of the slain driver was found by a boy under the Duwamish bridge, 30 feet below the road, shortly after noon Monday, with two bullet wounds in the back of the head.

Identification of the car was made through its engine number. With the discovery of the destroyed machine, Deputy Sheriffs Stewart Campbell and Herbert Beebe of King county, who had been scouring the countryside in the neighborhood of Tacoma, were notified and came to Olympia.

The officers believe the slayer of Ryan was making his way toward the Grays Harbor district and either boarded a Northern Pacific train for that place at McCleary or some nearby station, or obtained a lift from another autoist who found him in his dilemma of a burned car. The local Grays Harbor authorities were given a description of the slayer, but no arrests have been made.

CROWLEY HOME, EAST OF CITY, DESTROYED BY FIRE

New Apparatus Saves Adjoining Buildings—Some Furniture Recovered.

The home of Mrs. Thomas Crowley, Turner and East Fourth streets, just outside of the city limits, burned to the ground late Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Crowley was in Tacoma at the time the fire broke out and there was no one in the house. The fire department was summoned by one of the neighbors but when it arrived the house was too far gone to be saved.

The fire department was called out at 4 o'clock and spent two hours in a strenuous fight to save the surrounding buildings and homes. The new pump of the Olympia fire department received its first big test at the fire and the firemen and spectators were both firm in their statements that unless the big pump had been in action many of the surrounding homes would have burned down.

Little of the household furniture was saved. Mrs. Crowley is the widow of the late Thomas Crowley, who was recently killed when run over by an automobile.

LOCAL BOY ON RIFLE TEAM.

Private Elberson Among 20 Chosen to Represent Second Division.

Private J. Denton Elberson has been chosen as one of the 20 men of the Second division, A. E. F., to take part in the national rifle match to take place at Quantico, West Virginia, next month, according to word received the fore part of this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Elberson, Second and Puget streets.

Private Elberson is a member of Headquarters company of the Fifth regiment of the Second division and the 20 men chosen were selected from the entire division. Young Elberson was a senior in the Olympia high school when he enlisted in the army, February, 1918. He was in the battles of the Argonne forest and the Meuse. For the last eight months he was stationed in Germany near Coblenz. Young Elberson arrived in New York Monday. He is 20 years old.

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NURSE TELLS OF SERB REFUGEES

MRS. ELLA K. MARTIN TALKS TO LOCAL RED CROSS—HOME SERVICE WORK.

A doleful, dreary picture of the Serbian refugees of the recent world conflict was painted Wednesday morning at a meeting of the Thurston county chapter of the Red Cross by Mrs. Ella Kendall Martin, a nurse of the American Red Cross, who returned to Olympia recently after active service in this war zone.

Mrs. Martin was a member of the first medical commission sent from this country into Serbia and there met with all of the worst conditions of the country, including unsanitary conditions, underfed and ill nourished children, diseased people, and all this misery in a devastated waste area of land whose people were the victims of the war and suffered greatly from the horrible backwash of the battlefields.

Following Mrs. Martin's talk, a detailed report of the last month's work of the home service department was given by Miss Louisa Dittman, head of that department. The home service department is taking a prominent and lasting place in the community life. Though it does its work modestly and quietly, the reports show the tremendous amount of good it is doing in this community.

During the month of June the home service department handled 490 cases. The detailed report follows: Legal advice and affidavits, 16; information on location and welfare of men in the service for their families, 4; financial assistance, 12; allotment and allowance adjustments, 6; medical assistance, 8;

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LOCAL CHAMBER WILL BE REPRESENTED AT SPOKANE

Plans to Send Two Delegates to the State Association Meeting, July 21.

Olympia Chamber of Commerce will send two delegates to the State Chamber of Commerce convention at Spokane, July 21st, according to arrangements made at the trustees' luncheon Tuesday. Fred W. Stocking, president of the Chamber, will appoint the delegates.

C. J. Lord, one of the state trustees, is among the speakers on the program for the state convention. Among other speakers listed on the program for July 21 at Spokane are: Dr. H. E. Lindley, president of the University of Idaho; William H. Short of Seattle, president of the State Federation of Labor; N. B. Coffman of Chehalis, president of Good Roads Association of this state, and E. M. Chandler of Olympia, engineer and director in charge of the Washington Reclamation Service. As the reclamation work in this state is becoming more important each day Mr. Chandler's talk will be foremost on the program.

The trustees also announced that a tablet made from material taken from the U. S. S. battleship Maine will be placed at Priest Point park, the city park of Olympia, and that the Olympia Chamber of Commerce had written to Washington, D. C., asking that this city be given a captured German cannon to place in the city park at Priest Point.

Postage Rates Less.

It costs only 2 cents to mail a letter now anywhere in the United States or its possessions, the wartime rate of 3 cents having been discontinued July 1st. Postcards are available at the old 1-cent rate.

HOGS REACH HIGHEST LEVELS EVER KNOWN

CHICAGO, July 1.—Hogs today commanded the highest price ever known, \$21.75 a hundred weight. The previous topmost July record was last year, \$19.40. Today's strength in the hog market was ascribed chiefly to export demand for packing house products.

Before the United States entered the great war \$10.25 was the acme for hogs in July.

TENINO THIEF SENTENCED

Jim Simmons Given One Year in Monroe Reformatory.

Jim Simmons, 19 years old, was sentenced to one year at hard labor in the Monroe reformatory by Superior Judge J. M. Wilson Wednesday. Simmons was charged with grand larceny for the stealing of a gold watch and \$50 in cash, from John Weischalla of Tenino, and was arrested in Tacoma Tuesday.

The robbery occurred at Tenino Monday afternoon. Simmons and Weischalla met in a pool room and had a couple of drinks together, it is alleged, and then Weischalla fell asleep in a chair. Simmons "touched" the sleeping man for his watch and \$50 in cash, it was stated.

FOUR YOUTHS HOLD UP CAFE TUESDAY

GET \$175 FROM EAGLE RESTAUR- ANT—SERIES OF ROBBER- IES REPORTED

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Burrows, proprietors of the Eagle cafe, Fourth and Columbia streets, were robbed of \$175.75 at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning by four young men. One of the young men held a gun pointed in Mrs. Burrows' face while the second young man robbed the cash register. The other two boys stood quietly by.

Mrs. Burrows ignored the gun and ran out the rear door through the alley to the police station, where she reported the robbery. Officers Allen and Endicott rushed to the cafe and searched the surrounding property, but were unable to find any trace of the thieves. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows were of the opinion that the thieves ran to the Northern Pacific railroad yards. It is thought that the four men rode away in an automobile, as earlier in the day they had driven up to the cafe in a car. None of the thieves was over 22 years of age, stated Mrs. Burrows, while two looked to be about 17 years old.

It is thought that these four youths are the same who have been committing robberies throughout the city in the last week. Friday evening Miss Ethel L. Benson, a member of the high school faculty, was robbed of her pocketbook as she was walking home past the high school in the early part of the evening. A man stepped from an automobile and snatched her purse from her hand. She stated that the thief looked to be about 20 years old.

William Hartman of Nisqually reported to the police Tuesday that he had been robbed of his watch and \$35. George L. Smith of this city also reported to the police that two suits of clothing and some shirts were stolen from his home Monday. Although no reports were made at the police station it was also rumored that two houses on the East-side were entered in broad daylight Monday and robbed. A dozen and a half robberies were reported to the police during June.

That the four youths who robbed the Eagle Cafe and the slayers of Thomas Ryan, the Seattle chauffeur, who was killed Sunday night, are the same persons is given no credence by Deputy Sheriffs Beebe and Starwick of Seattle, who arrived in Olympia Tuesday afternoon to work on the murder case.

The automobile which belonged to the murdered man was driven west from Olympia near McCleary, where it was set on fire. Late Monday afternoon Sheriff John H. Gifford received a telephone call from a farmer out near McCleary, who stated that a car out there had been set on fire. Sheriff Gifford and his deputy, Mr. Hoage, immediately went out to the scene of the fire.

Brush, according to Sheriff Gifford, had been piled in the car, some gasoline had been poured on the brush and this was used as "kindling" with which to start the car burning. The tires had been removed from the car and laid aside before it was burned.

Deputy Beebe told the Olympia police department that last week some young fellows hired an automobile driver of Seattle to bring them up this way and a few miles west of Olympia they poked a gun in his face and relieved the driver of about \$100 and told him to keep his mouth shut and "beat it back to Seattle." The Olympia police had no report of this case.

The Seattle officers and the Olympia officers are firm in their belief that the robbers of the Eagle Cafe

WESTSIDE BRIDGE MAY NOT BE BUILT

BIDS SUBMITTED ON SECOND CALL ARE STILL TOO HIGH

Whether the much-talked-of bridge over the Des Chutes river on West Fourth street will be built this year or not will be decided by the county commissioners next Monday, but the chances are it will not, as the second call for bids on the structure brought proposals only slightly less than those first submitted and still some \$12,000 more than the appropriation available.

Charges of "frame up" among contractors and "hold up" are freely flying around in the vicinity of the state and county officials who have been handling the details of the matter. The second call for bids was issued in the hope that other contractors would respond, but the only bidders to appear were the same two that answered the first call.

There are several things that look "peculiar" to the officials. The first is that there are only two contractors bidding. The second is that while the new concrete bridge at Tumwater built about a year ago cost \$120,000 a square yard, the all-concrete bids for the West Fourth street structure showed a cost of \$40, while the officials say the increase in the cost of materials and supplies in the interim has not been anywhere near so great. The third is that, while the engineers who drew the plans estimated that the wooden approaches provided in the second call for bids would reduce the cost some \$25,000, the difference between the lowest bids on the two calls is only \$2,000.

The first bids were for an all-concrete bridge, Charles G. Haber and Wood & Worrall respectively, \$144,000. The second bids, opened approaches, Haber's bid then was \$138,000 and Wood & Worrall's an even \$138,000. The total amount available for the bridge is \$110,000.

To complicate matters, when a new bridge is built the city will have to spend several thousand dollars on the present temporary structure. The officials concerned in awarding the contract cannot figure where the money is to be obtained for the new bridge.

ELKS OPEN BIDS MONDAY ON NEW \$75,000 TEMPLE

Lodge Plans to Have Building Ready for Occupancy by Next January.

Bids will be opened next Monday for the construction of the new \$75,000 Elks' Home which is to be erected on Main street between Seventh and Sixth streets right next to the Mitchell hotel. The \$75,000 which is the estimated cost of the new edifice does not include the furniture or fixtures in the building. Plans for the structure were drawn by Architect Jos. H. Waller, a member of the local lodge.

Workmen have been at work for several days tearing down the old buildings which are now on the Elks' site. It is planned to have the building done and ready for occupancy by the middle of January.

A. H. Christopher, chairman; James Martin, and Adolph Schmidt compose the personnel of the building committee while the finance committee is composed of H. B. Fultz, chairman; Thomas L. O'Leary, Sam Caldwell, Martin Gottfeld and Harry Van Arsdale. The drive for funds to finance the building will start next Monday and will continue for two weeks.

and the slayer of Thomas Ryan have no connection. A hold-up was reported in Tenino Monday, and Sheriff Gifford was later informed that the thief had been caught in Tacoma.

Sergeant Benjamin S. Kendrick, a former resident of the city, has been visiting relatives and friends here this week, arriving Monday night, after having served overseas with the 348th Infantry. He enlisted in the 40th division at San Francisco two days after war was declared with Germany, but was transferred after arriving in France.