

## LACK OF HARMONY IN HEALTH OFFICE DECLARED FATAL

### Failure to Provide Care of Epidemic Situation Is Held Responsible for Death of One, Perhaps Two Children.

#### ACCUSATION IS MADE BY DR. O. A. WELSH

#### Matter Will Be Taken Up at Budget Meeting in Effort to Increase Appropriation.

Charges that the inharmonious organization of the county health board which has hampered its operation for the past year and a half has resulted in one and possibly two preventable deaths, will be made at the county budget meeting December 30, according to Dr. O. A. Welsh, county health officer. Failure to provide the machinery with which to handle a situation at Molalla potentially amounting to an epidemic is laid by the health officer at the door of the county court and its course in the handling of the health affairs of the county, Welsh states.

July 1, 1921, the county court attempted to remove Welsh and after a long fight here during which the court refused to prefer charges against him, he was retained by the state board of health. Since then the two commissioners have authorized some of the bills of the health officer and sometimes they have not. The action against Welsh was directed by County Judge H. E. Cross, and the departmental salary reduced to the legal minimum.

#### Epidemic Is Put Down

About six months ago a smallpox epidemic started at Estacada, Welsh declares. Because the court had refused to meet any of the expenses of conducting the health work, Welsh declined to act in cleaning up the condition. The state board of health declared that unless the matter were taken care of the entire county would be quarantined. Welsh then went to Estacada to take the situation, although no expenses were allowed.

October 16 a case of diphtheria was reported at Molalla. Because of the attitude of the court in what he declares practically hampered the work of his department, Welsh took no action. Two subsequent cases were reported on November 4 and another on November 11. All three of the children died.

Welsh declares that had the proper attention been taken after the report of the first case one case and possibly the other could have been averted.

#### Board Is Alarmed

When informed over the situation the board at Molalla took action to make arrangements with Welsh to meet the expense of providing the quarantine and making the necessary quarantines. The school children have been examined for probable carriers of the disease and other preventive measures taken.

The children who died were Irene Jagger, 9, Gosh Gregory, 8, and Elbert Lloyd, 6.

The appropriation for the health officer was cut to the minimum this year by the budget committee and Welsh is to make an effort to secure the enlargement of the appropriation to cover a salary of more than the \$25 allowed by law and the expenses of operation. Since July 1, 1922, there has been no recognized health officer in the county, although under the orders of the state board of health that Welsh could not be removed without a hearing, the doctor has been serving under protest of the county judge and at times with the approval of the two commissioners.

## 'Fatty' Arbuckle Is Censured for New Return to Movies

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21.—Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle, comedian, today was making ready for his re-entry into motion pictures after January 1, while members of the Los Angeles district Federation of Women's clubs announced they could "not recede from their opposition" to his plans.

After Will H. Hays, titular head of the motion picture industry, announced yesterday that Arbuckle might have another "chance to make good," the Los Angeles district adopted a resolution affirming a previous one opposing his reappearance in pictures.

Mrs. J. C. Urquhart, president of the district, stated that, although Arbuckle at his third trial in San Francisco, had been acquitted of causing the death of Virginia Rappe, screen actress, the testimony "was of such character as to bar him forever from appearing before a decent, self-respecting public."

## NAME OF POSTOFFICE FOR HOFF IS CHANGED

### Mail Must Now Be Addressed "Beaver Creek"; Mrs. Geo. Havill Named to Office.

Beaver Creek has received a Christmas present from the postoffice department, a new name for the office and the re-appointment of Mrs. George Havill as postmistress. The postoffice will be now known as "Beaver Creek" instead of "Hoff," given that name in 1916 when J. R. Hoff was appointed postmaster when the office was established.

The place was known, previous to that time, as "Beaver Creek" and the name now must be written as one word, eliminating the capital "C," although many petitions have been sent to Washington to have the postoffice name changed back to the original name. The place has been known as "Beaver Creek" from 1847 until changed to Hoff in 1916.

After serving as postmaster for three years, Hoff resigned. The office was then turned over to Mrs. George Havill, who has since acted as the postmistress.

The station on the Willamette Valley Southern railway is known as Beaver Creek, also the business house and telephone directory, and in so changing the name from Hoff all are benefited.

There are from 400 to 500 patrons of the Beaver Creek postoffice, and 150 mail boxes on the route. During the past two years the number of patrons has greatly increased.

## 2 Portland Men Held on Charges Of Making Booze

A still said by Sheriff Wilson to be the biggest ever confiscated in the county, with a capacity of between five and ten gallons of finished moonshine per hour, was located Thursday morning by the sheriff's office. A. C. Nutter and E. C. Younger, who state that they live in Portland, are in the county jail charged with a conspiracy to avoid the prohibition laws.

The still was in the process of completion and had never been used, but a number of containers, with about a pint of liquor were found in the house on the 82nd street road which they had rented from W. W. Leete.

Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Carl Long raided the home on the Clackamas cut-off near Gladstone, just off the main highway. The up-stairs of the house had been finished by the two men and a special room, the floor and walls covered with tar roofing paper had been arranged to house the still. A brick grate with pressure gas burner, was built. The water coil had been built inside an old automobile gasoline tank and the still itself fashioned out of sheet copper, in an oval shape five feet in diameter. The apparatus was almost ready to set up. A number of plumber's tools used in its construction, together with a small quantity of mash was also found.

The two men are being held in jail here in default of \$750 bail each. A preliminary hearing in the justice court will probably be held today.

Harry Bundell, arrested by Constable Ed Fortune in the raid conducted by the constable and sheriff's office at the Hall filling station in Gladstone Wednesday was fined \$500 and six months in jail by Judge E. J. Noble on a plea of guilty. O. Hall, who pleaded not guilty is to stand trial for the same offense.

## OPERATION OF BOOM IS PROTESTED AT OSWEGO

Testimony of Theodore B. Brown, forestry engineer and lumber manufacturer, intended to prove that there is no economic necessity for the operation of a log booming company at Oswego, as contemplated by the Oswego Log & Boom company, occupied the entire morning session of the public service commission Friday.

Brown's testimony was admitted subject to the objection of Oliver B. Huston, representing the boom company, based on the claim that Brown is not a registered engineer under the state law. Brown testified that his firm, Brown & Brown, is duly registered.

Of the 924,000,000 feet of logs brought into the Portland district during 1921, only approximately 70,000,000 feet came over the Southern Pacific rail lines, Brown testified. He also testified that there are no prospects, in his opinion, of a shortage of logs in the Portland market if additional logging facilities are not developed south of Portland and tributary to the Southern Pacific lines, as was previously claimed in the hearing.

The application of the Oswego Log & Boom company is opposed by the Oregon Iron & Steel company, owners of the riparian rights along Oswego lake, and by residents of the lake district.

## ASSESSMENT CUT BY STATE NOT TO LOWER TAX HERE

### Reduction of Levy to Be More Than Made Up by Addition To Local Imposts Believes County Assessor W.B. Cook

#### CLACKAMAS COUNTY RATIOS ARE REDUCED

#### Assessment Percentage Is Set At .49; Change Is Expected To Have Only Little Effect.

Although the state tax assessed against Clackamas county for 1923 will be reduced \$13,404.03, the difference in the entire levy over the county will not be material, according to County Assessor W. B. Cook. The tax levy for the coming year will not be completed until about next February and definite figures are as yet not available. Other increases in the tax levies this year will more than make up the difference, Cook expects.

The amount of state tax to be raised by the county according to word received by County Clerk Fred A. Miller will be \$342,276.12 for 1923 as against \$355,680.15 for the previous year. This will mean a difference of .3 of a mill in the state levy for the county, Cook points out. The total difference for the general state levy is .4 of a mill but the slight decrease for this particular county comes in the change of the valuation rating. The state tax commission cut Clackamas county's rating from 50 per cent to 49 per cent. Under the system it is then presumed that the assessed valuations in Clackamas county are 49 per cent of the actual value. The amount of state tax is then computed upon the so-called actual valuation, and the lower the ratio runs the higher the amount of the proportionate tax.

The county levy will be determined at the budget meeting on the 30th of this month. The levy as drawn for the tentative budget provides no increase in the amount levied last year, but the county court is to ask the taxpayers to make the 6 per cent increase and to apply the difference upon the reduction of the outstanding warrant indebtedness of approximately \$350,000, which draws in the neighborhood of \$50 a day interest.

## MONOPOLY CHARGED TO COAST PAPER DEALERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The federal trade commission has issued a complaint against the Pacific States Paper Trade association, embracing nearly all wholesale dealers in Oregon, Washington and California, alleging that by concerted agreement members of local associations seek to maintain schedule prices and suppress competition.

The respondents named in the complaint, and who are given 30 days in which to make answer before the case goes to trial, are Pacific States Paper Trade association, B. N. Coffman, secretary; Seattle, Tacoma Paper Trade conference, J. Y. C. Kellogg, secretary; Spokane Paper Dealers, W. B. Gilbert, secretary; Portland Paper Trade association, Chris A. Bell, secretary; Paper Trade Conference of San Francisco, B. N. Coffman, secretary, and Los Angeles Wholesale Paper Jobbers, J. R. Coffman, secretary.

The companies composing the above association include: American Paper company, J. W. Fales Paper company, Mutual Paper company, Washington Pulp & Paper corporation, Paper Warehouse Company, Inc., and the Seattle Paper company, all of Seattle.

Standard Paper company and Tacoma Paper and Stationery company of Tacoma.

Zellerbach Paper company, Blake, Moffit and Towne, Bonestell & Co. and Pacific Coast Paper company, all of San Francisco.

John W. Graham & Co., Spokane Paper and Stationery company, B. G. Ewing Paper company and American Type Founders company, all of Spokane.

Rogers Paper company of Salem, Or.; Blake, McFall Paper company, J. W. P. McFall; Endicott Paper company and R. L. Brackett and Charles L. Frazier, partners, all of Portland, Or.

One of the practices complained of is that the association applies the arbitrary names of "legitimate" or "illegitimate" to different dealers in the paper trade, and brings pressure on what it calls "illegitimate" firms to force them into line.

#### CONDITION SERIOUS

Amos Tash is confined to his bed following the holidays with a severe attack of flatpocketbockitis. His full recovery is not looked for under three months.

## OREGON CITY MAN WILL BUILD W. C. T. U. HOME

### Clackamas County Chapter of Union Contributes Aid to Founding of Institution.

Wilbur Andrews, son of Mrs. E. B. Andrews, this city, who is at the head of the Andrews Construction company, has been awarded the contract for the first cottage on the grounds of the home for homeless children of Oregon, to be erected at Corvallis. The ground was broken for the building last Saturday. The Andrews Construction company has had headquarters in Portland. Andrews was a former Oregon City young man. His father, the late E. B. Andrews, was a contractor in Oregon City.

The building is to be the first unit of a group to be built.

Clackamas county is to do its share towards erecting buildings on the ground. The quota is \$3200, and over \$2000 has already been raised. Mrs. Andrews is the authorized solicitor of Clackamas county. Much of the money has been by private subscription, but it is the intention of the W. C. T. U. organization of this city to give several benefits early in the new year. At the first entertainment Judge Walton, of Portland, is to give an address.

Various organizations in Clackamas county have taken unusual interest in the new home, and have donated quilts, bedding and other necessities for furnishing the cottages of the home. Mrs. H. H. Hughes, of Oregon City, has kindly offered to furnish a sleeping apartment, while the Maple Lane club is also to furnish a room.

## FIVE YEAR-OLD GIRL IS HURT BY AUTOMOBILE

### Daughter of G. Gearhart Is Struck While Attempting To Pass in Front of Car.

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gearhart, residing at 12th and Center streets, was struck by an automobile Thursday evening. The child suffered the loss of a front tooth and lacerations of the face.

The girl had attempted to cross in front of the automobile, which was driven by W. E. Nelson, of Portland. The rear wheel struck her and caused her to fall to the pavement.

The child was picked up by Miss Elsie Kraxberger, of this city, and taken to her home by the driver of the machine and Dr. C. A. Stuart was summoned.

According to those witnessing the accident Nelson was driving slowly at the time. The Gearhart family recently arrived from Canada, and are occupying the Cross residence.

## WOMAN HAILED AS HERO IN BLAZE IN APARTMENT

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Guy McAdams was the heroine and an unidentified youth about 17 years of age the hero of the Lillian apartment fire early this morning, which practically gutted the three story semi-fireproof building at Sixth and Mont-gomery streets.

Although the fire lacked spectacular features, thousands of persons and scores of automobiles responded to the alarm, which was sounded shortly after 1 a. m., and crowded streets for three blocks around the burning building.

Damage of between \$5,000 and \$40,000 was done by the fire, of which approximately \$12,000 was personal loss to tenants. The entire loss is covered by insurance.

Mrs. McAdams, who, with her 8 months old son, Bobby, occupied an apartment near that of Mrs. Rebecca Thurber, an invalid, carried her child to a fire escape, where she left the baby wrapped in blankets and returned to rescue Mrs. Thurber.

The invalid almost overcame by the smoke, was aided to the fire escape, from which point the trio was rescued by firemen.

## Gallon of Booze Draws Heavy Fine

A fine of \$250 for the possession of one gallon of moonshine was handed out in Judge Berry's court in Milwaukie yesterday to Mike Packard, arrested near that city by Deputies Hughes and Long. Packard plead guilty to the charge.

The case of G. P. McKinnis, arrested on charges of possessing two gallons of wine illegally, is still pending. The search warrant was issued from Judge Noble's court, but no action has yet been taken.

Newman: Yes, but often a man puts in so much time preaching that he has none left for practice.

## PLANS ARE MADE TO DOUBLE WORK OF COUNTY AGENT

### Revision of Organization of Office Is Projected Under Budget for 1923; Activity Of Clubs To Be Continued.

#### RELATIVE COST FOR CLACKAMAS IS LOW

#### Fourteen Cents Is Paid Out Of Every \$52 To keep Up Farm Extension Program.

Plans for practically doubling the work to be accomplished by the county agent's office during the coming year, without any material increase in the appropriation over funds formerly budgeted for this work, are being made by Walter A. Holt, in charge of the local office.

The inclusion of \$1750 for provision for a club leader is made in the tentative budget for 1923, and although the appropriation for 1922, but curtailed from the 1922 schedule.

The plan as outlined by Holt is to put another man in the office if the appropriation carries this year, to do club leader work and act as assistant county agent. Under the previous system the club work, which embraces the extension education among the boys and girls in the farm communities has been practically separate from the county agent's activities. Under the new system, the two would be closely combined with the two men dividing the major portion of the activities.

Clackamas county during the past two years has attained an excellent record for agricultural extension work. The activities of the county agent have received the unqualified endorsement of the farm bureau and of local civic and commercial organizations.

The appropriation for farm bureau work this year, amounts to less than 14 cents out of each \$52 in taxes, it is pointed out. This is inclusive of the club leader and assistant county agent, who in the tentative budget is listed as "assistant leader." The appropriation, it is declared, is low compared with that of other counties in the state doing the same class of work. Sherman county, which forms one of the close comparisons, pays 16 cents.

## ADJUSTMENT OF GAS IS SAVING UPON BATTERY

These are the mornings when the average motorist gives his vocabulary of profanity a thorough tryout.

Cool mornings when the thermometer is hovering a few degrees below the freezing mark, cause all about the family garage to become possessed of an assure hue.

Mr. Motorist steps on his starter pedal and the motor turns over a few times, but so far as starting is concerned there's nothing doing.

But "There's a Reason!"

The Willard Storage Battery Company of Cleveland, says this is the worst season of the year on a battery. This is the season when the motorist is suffering from a congested carburetor. He has not adjusted this most important part of the car to winter conditions. The mixture of gas with which he tries to start the engine is the same as that which was used all summer. It's too lean and will not ignite. The longer the driver holds down the starting pedal, the more current he is using from the battery and after a morning, or two of such doings the battery will need recharging.

It's far better to adjust a carburetor and save the battery—and it's cheaper in the long run.

## MAN HELD ON CHARGES OF FORGERY RELEASED

C. H. Nelson, arrested in Los Angeles in connection with the forging of a check upon an Oregon City bank, has been released by the California authorities. Nelson was charged with the drawing of a \$495 draft on the funds held by Mrs. Gus Grisco for Julia Rinkus, her ward. The amount of \$495 has been returned, according to H. H. Hughes, local deputy sheriff, who went to California to bring Nelson here for trial.

Hughes left December 12 for Los Angeles armed with extradition papers from the governor, but a settlement was affected and the man released the day before Hughes arrived at the California destination.

## STUMP DEMONSTRATION IS SET FOR JANUARY 6

### New Methods Land Clearing Will Be Shown in Field Use At Molalla; Talk Planned

Everything is ready for a burning and land-clearing demonstration at Molalla on January 6, according to County Agent Walter A. Holt. Regardless of the weather this show will be held, for the new burner that is to be demonstrated works better in winter than in summer which must be a feature of any stumping device—it must be most efficient at the time that the average stump-land owner has time to use it. The fire risk is said to be greatly reduced.

The demonstration will begin in Molalla at 11 a. m. A lantern slide discussion of the subject of land clearing will be given. A hot lunch will follow the morning meeting, after which everyone will be expected to witness the actual operations of clearing as they will be shown in the field.

The S. A. Cordill place, one mile west of Molalla, has been selected for the demonstration. Good roads lead right to the field, which is located at Kayler station on the Willamette Valley Southern railway. The regular schedule of this railroad provides opportunity for attending the demonstration from either Oregon City and Portland or Monitor and Mount Angel. Road signs will be found on all the roads leading to Molalla. Persons driving from the north should go out Seventh street at Oregon City, while southern visitors will find a good road from Canby through Macksburg to Molalla.

The Zysset burner will constitute an important feature of the demonstration, although arrangements are being made to show other common and uncommon land-clearing methods, including pullers and powders. There will be no jazz bands or vaudeville but there is promised some real land-clearing of the kind that has proven its low cost and thoroughness. The demonstration will be handled by George W. Kable, extension specialist of O. A. C. Any questions pertaining to the program may be referred to the county agent at Oregon City.

The Zysset stump burner, by means of a simple appliance, insures the easy firing of the stump and thus permits the effective burning out of the root system with the char pit. Thus it retains the chief virtue of the

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## Stock In Woolen Mill Now Owned By A. R. Jacobs

The entire stock in the local woolen mills, known as the Oregon City Manufacturing company, is now owned by A. R. Jacobs, for many years president and manager of the concern. The purchase of the interests of I. Jacobs was announced by the local mill man Thursday.

The stock in the concern, according to the president, was held in equal ownership by his own and the I. Jacobs family. Jacobs declined to state the amount involved in the transfer but it is believed that approximately \$750,000 is the amount.

A. R. Jacobs is to continue as president and manager of the firm. No changes in the organization are planned, he states. No announcement can be made at this time as to probable improvements upon the part of the woolen mill but it is probable, the president states, that negotiations for enlargements may be started in the near future.

The Oregon City Manufacturing company owns and operates a large textile factory here and a garment factory in Portland. It employs between 700 and 800 men and women and the value of the plant is estimated at approximately \$3,000,000.

## HARDING ASKED TO CALL ECONOMIC CONFERENCES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A move to instruct President Harding to call a world economic conference in addition to the proposed world disarmament conference was made today by Senator Borah when he introduced an amendment to the naval appropriations bill, now before the senate.

The Borah amendment would take the place of the house provision encouraging the president to call a disarmament meeting to take up things left undone by the conference of November, 1921.

The calling of a new international conference to place restrictions upon the building of airplanes and submarines was approved today by the senate naval affairs committee in recommending a favorable report on the 1923-24 navy appropriations bill, carrying a total of \$295,604,373.

As passed by the house, the bill requested President Harding to call a conference of Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy and the United States—the same powers represented at the Washington armament conference last year.

## STRAIGHT PARDON IS NOW IN HANDS OF NEW GOVERNOR

### Walter Rittner Refuses Action In Commutation of Term of Oregon City Moonshiner Serving Sentence of Year.

#### RECOMMENDATION IS MADE BY E. J. NOBLE

#### Conditional Parole Asked if Executive Finds Relief of Penalty Here Is Advisable.

The pardon of Charles Straight, if such is ever granted, will have to come from Governor Walter Pierce. Action upon the request made to the governor in behalf of the Oregon City moonshiner, has been refused by Acting Governor Rittner, according to word received Tuesday by E. J. Noble, justice of the peace. The request has been held over until the new administration takes office.

Straight was arrested August 14 of this year, and after a trial nine days later was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws and fined \$500 and sentenced to serve a year in the county jail. In default of payment of the fine he was to serve 250 days in jail in addition.

Straight has still more than a year to serve on his sentence and several of the local officials have recommended that he be pardoned or conditionally paroled. No local court has the power to grant this parole but the presentation is being made before the state's chief executive.

#### Case Is Cited

In his draft to the governor concerning the case, after reciting the detailed legal facts, Judge Noble says:

"Charles Straight was convicted in the federal court about two weeks before, being brought in here on a charge of violation of the prohibition laws. He was convicted on the same charge before in the federal court and once before in this court. He has also been convicted of a violation of the game laws, and has been a source of trouble to the fish wardens in fishing illegally although conviction has been difficult.

"I have personally heard him boasting in the barber shop and on the street, that he did not care if he was convicted as the county would then be compelled to take care of him and also his family. While he was pleading for mercy in the federal court liquor was sold at his home, and after being arraigned and admitted to bail liquor was again sold at his home.

#### Recommendation Is Made

"After the above review and with the understanding that Charles Straight is applying to the governor of the state of Oregon for a pardon, I make the following recommendation for the reason that Straight has several small children—the mother now being dead—that must be taken care of and if he is not compelled to do so it will be a burden on the taxpayers.

"I, E. J. Noble, justice of the peace for district No. 4, Clackamas county, Oregon, and the justice before whom Charles Straight was tried, convicted and sentenced, hereby recommend to the honorable governor of the state of Oregon that the said Charles Straight be paroled from the sentence herein set forth on the following conditions, to-wit:

"That he be required to pay the fine assessed against him at a rate of not less than \$15 per month;

"That he observe all the laws of the land, government, state, county and municipal and upon the violation of any of the above laws, that he be compelled to serve the balance of the unserved portion of the penalty herein;

"That he be required to give his children the proper attention both as to physical support and comfort and education;

"That he keep himself regularly employed at some occupation by which he can support himself and children and pay on the penalty as required;

"That he be required to report every two weeks to some responsible person designated by yourself;

"That he do not engage in the occupation of fishing except on special permission of the fish and game commission (in writing).

"In view of his past record and his attitude toward and his non-respect for the law I do not feel that he should be given too much consideration, but being personally familiar with the entire case, I do feel that if he is held accountable and made to realize that at last he is in a position where he will have to observe the law or suffer the consequences he will become a useful citizen and teach his children that they must respect the law and at the same time relieve the taxpayers of the burden of keeping himself and his children.

"I do not favor a pardon, but a parole on conditions, and those conditions to be such that will cause reactions and at the same time not be burdensome."