

# HIGHWAY BODY WILL CONSIDER RELIEF WORK

Provided the governor-elect and the legislature guarantee their action will be legalized, the state highway commission will take up on December 29 the building of the Columbia highway through the burned area of Astoria. This and the approach to the city will amount to about \$250,000.

It now depends on Astoria whether it can obtain from Walter M. Pierce, governor-elect, and a majority of the legislature, promises to sanction the course of the commission. Without a special law covering this matter, the commissions cannot proceed. To expedite the work of reconstruction in Astoria and give it a paved thoroughfare through the devastated area, the commission has agreed to hold and adjourned meeting December 29. This gives two weeks for Astoria to act.

In the opinion of the highway commission, the paved way in the burned district should be 80 feet in width. The route selected is Commercial street.

Pursuant to a petition from Astoria representatives, the commission sent Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, to Astoria to study the situation and make a report. The report shows that the highway in the burned district is 2150 feet. To build retaining walls of concrete and pave this will cost about \$175,000. The commission is prepared to undertake this, if authority is guaranteed, and to finish the grade and pave the highway at the east approach to the city. This will cost approximately \$70,000. If it should be desired to carry the highway work from the east approach through the destroyed section and around Young's bay, the undertaking would involve roughly \$500,000.

The commission favors completing the east approach and building the highway, 80 feet in width, through the burned area, as the immediate step. Having announced its willingness to proceed, if the proper assurances are given, the commission now marks time for a fortnight.

Under the present law the commission is prohibited from building and paving a highway through a town of more than 2500 population. This is the main stumbling block which must be removed by the legislature and Mr. Pierce.

Under the resolution of A. W. Norblad in the senate in 1921, the commission was directed to make a report at the 1923 session as to the feasibility and approximate cost of building a bridge across the Columbia river as near the mouth as practicable. This report is now in process of compilation. The government will insist on such a structure being 150 feet above the water, and no draw allowed. On the lower river such a bridge would cost about \$4,000,000 and there is no money in sight for such an undertaking.

Work on the Dalles-California highway in Deschutes county from a ranch to Paulina creek, was ordered prepared for advertising. This section has been held up almost two years by the possibility of the Benham falls reservoir becoming a reality. As there is now no immediate prospect of this project being built, the commission yesterday decided to go ahead with the construction of the highway. The grading and rockings will be advertised for the January or February meeting.

Replying to the petition of Baker people for changing the location of the Old Oregon Trail so that it will not be in the way of the North Powder irrigation reservoir, the commission announced that the change in the road will be made at the cost of the state when the project is ready to proceed. The estimated cost for the change is about \$25,000.

Engineers were directed to prepare as a federal aid project the Tygh valley section of the Dalles-California highway. This is about 12 miles in length. An additional location was also made for the Sherman highway from Grass Valley to the school house near Crater.

# Willamette News

Willamette sends greetings and congratulations to Queen Harriet and her maid of honor, Willamette and West Linn were loyal to their candidate Miss Vena Barnes, and she is to be congratulated on the splendid run she made.

On Wednesday evening of last week a basket social and a dance was given in the West Linn Inn annex and the sum of \$70 was raised which was contributed to the campaign to elect Vena Barnes queen of the dedication services on December 28 when the new bridge connecting West Linn and Oregon City will be formally opened to vehicle traffic. After the baskets were auctioned off to the highest bidders an informal dance was given. As a social affair it was much enjoyed and all united in giving their very best wishes to Miss Barnes.

Mrs. H. W. Greaves spent Monday shopping in anticipation of the Christmas holidays.

A new Edison phonograph was purchased last week by Florence Frongom. The machine is one of the new models and is being much enjoyed by the Frongom family.

Mrs. George Batdorf was an Albany visitor from Thursday until Sunday of last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Batdorf.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams were the guests of relatives in Portland last Wednesday evening when they attended the circus given by the Shriners at the public auditorium.

Helen Wallis was ill and out of school on Monday and Tuesday of last week. Miss Wallis is a senior at the Union High school.

George Ellgren has been ill for the past week suffering with an attack of appendicitis. Dr. Silverman is the attending physician.

Mrs. John Wilkens of Willamette, who underwent an operation about ten days ago for appendicitis, underwent another surgical operation last Wednesday for the removal of gall stones. She is gaining strength slowly.

Mrs. Amy Bersie and sons purchased a Columbia graphophone last week which they are enjoying immensely.

George Batdorf was ill last week and confined to his room.

As the result of an explosion of a coal oil stove the Truitt residence was burned the grounds on Thursday evening. The house was a three-story structure located on acreage near town. Frank Truitt, who is attending school tried to start the fire before the arrival of his father. Only a dresser and a trunk were saved although the fire department responded to the call. Mrs. Truitt was expected home for the Christmas holidays.

Although snow fell and the day might have been called dismal a social time was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Wesley Milliken on Fourth street on Thursday when friends gathered at her home about eleven o'clock with well laden baskets and at twelve o'clock a pot luck dinner was served. In the afternoon Christmas gifts were exchanged between those present and the children present were given favors from a large Christmas tree. Those present were Mrs. Ida Peter, Mrs. H. Leisman, Mrs. Niel Whitney and son, Allen, Mrs. John Rauch and son, Lynn, Mrs. Robert Young and daughter, Lillian, Mrs. Albert Buckles and daughter, Betty, Mrs. Harold White, Mrs. John Casey and daughter, Mary Jane, Mrs. John Ream, Jr. and son, Kenneth, Mrs. Frank Shipley, Mrs. Ewald Leisman and children, Richard, Marshall and Lorraine, Mrs. Joe Schauble and daughter, Dorothy, Mrs. Denton and son, Riley, and Mrs. Milliken and children.

Mrs. E. A. Leighton has been very ill at her home in Willamette suffering from the effects of a carbuncle. Dr. Silverman, local physician, is in attendance.

Miss Vena Barnes spent Saturday of last week shopping in Portland and in the evening attended the theater.

Charles Gale of Portland purchased the property owned by Mr. Overton on Main street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets in the business district of Willamette. Mr. Gale is Mrs. Peery's father.

Willamette was represented in Portland on Monday when Mr. Peery, local druggist, made a business trip to the city.

Wayne, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Larsen, who has been very ill at the family home on railroad avenue is improving slowly.

Mabel Larsen spent Saturday of last week shopping in Portland.

An out of town visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barnes was Kenneth Austin of Albany, who was a guest of Terry Barnes from Thursday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Overton and family moved Monday from their property on Main street, which they recently sold to Mr. Gale of Portland, into the M. R. Snidow residence on Fourteenth street.

An Oak Grove visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Martin on Sunday was George Martin, son of Mr. Martin.

Alice Beardley has been suffering with a large boil on her upper lip and was out of school the first of the week.

The men of the Fraternal Brotherhood lodge entertained the ladies of the lodge last Tuesday evening. Moving pictures were shown, after which a dance was given. In spite of the cold a good crowd attended and all enjoyed the social evening.

At the Parent-Teachers' meeting, which was held last Friday afternoon in the school house it was decided that the association would furnish hot soup and cocoa to the Willamette school children this winter. An electric stove has been installed in the basement and each day two members of the Parent-Teachers' association will make the hot soup and serve the children at the noon hour. Mrs. M. J. Brown is president of the association which has accomplished much good in Willamette.

# RETAILERS' Trade Is Subject of Thoro Investigation; BUSINESS Of All Classification Is Now Declared to Be INCREASING.

By Robert E. Smith  
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In an effort to gauge actual local business conditions, our bank this week made a fairly thorough canvass of business men of Portland. Men in many lines of business, including hardware, groceries, shoes, books and stationery, jewelry, implements, automobiles and department stores were interviewed, as were also railroad and street railway officials, managers of the electric light and gas companies, and a number of leading bankers. The general conclusion drawn from their reports is that business is very satisfactory. Almost every line reported an increase over the business of last year, and almost all are looking forward to at least the beginning of 1923 with hope, if not with entire confidence.

The head of a large department store reported the holiday trade as opening up very well indeed. He said that his business throughout the store had shown a nice gain over that of last year.

A prominent jeweler reported that if his sales continued to hold up through December as they had started, he would do 100 per cent more business this month than he did in December of last year. Business all around with him has been the best during the year just closing that it has been for many a year.

A large book and stationery firm reported about a fifteen per cent increase in its this year's business over that of last year. The wholesale end of this business is better than it has been for two years past, due to the replenishment of lowered stocks. Collections are fair.

A wholesale grocer said that he had a very good fall trade indeed, but that it had slackened as it always does at this season of the year.

Hardware dealers are finding their trade very good indeed for this time of year. In fact, one dealer said that compared with previous years his firm is doing an excellent business and he finds prospects bright for the first six months of next year.

The manager of a large shoe store finds business going along in a very satisfactory manner, though buying is still being done on a small scale. He is anticipating a good increase in the spring trade, but there still seems to be a tendency to hold back, he says, to see what is going to happen. The eastern market shows a tendency to advance prices.

In the implement line, business is exceedingly dull. It is always quiet at this season, but the financial condition of the farmers this year makes the buying of implements almost impossible. Automobiles are having a seasonal spell of quiet just now, but throughout the year the business has been excellent.

In the packing plants, business has shown an increase over that of last year. Cattle prices to the farmers are just about the same as last year, but hogs are 25 per cent higher and sheep and lamb are up 25 to 30 per cent higher. The outlook for the farmers seems to be more hopeful than it was a year ago.

The street railway company shows an increase in traffic over last year, and its business has been uniformly good. All the public utility companies report business as excellent. Many new installations have been and are still being made, and former consumers are increasing their consumption steadily.

The railroads, too, both from freight and passenger ends, report that the year has been uniformly good, in spite of harassment by strikes, and that the present flow of travel to the South is heavier than it was at this time last year.

Labor headquarters stated that the unemployment situation is much better than it was a year ago, although of course at this time of year there is bound to be some unemployment. The Salvation Army reported about the same volume of calls for charity as that of last year.

Although conditions are far from stable, the banks reported business as very satisfactory just at present.

# ADMINISTRATION POLICY IS OUTLINED BY PIERCE

Eastern poultry fanciers appreciating the fact that some of the highest class birds of the United States are being produced in Oregon, are now turning their attention to securing some of the best from Clackamas county.

R. E. Butler, of the Butler Poultry farms, of Jennings Lodge, and a member of the Portland police department, has just received an order together with a check for \$675 for a pen of his birds from the Smith Standard Incubator company, of Cleveland, O. This is considered one of the largest cash orders from the western states.

The telegram asked for two cockerels at \$100 each, four yearling hens at \$50 each and 11 hens at \$25 each. This order was for Barred Rocks.

Butler recently received \$400 on an order for Barrad Rocks to be sent to the Eastern State Poultry farm in Ohio.

Butler started in poultry at Jennings Lodge six years ago. As business increased it was necessary to enlarge the big poultry house which is now 240 feet long and 24 feet wide, having two stories. The basement is used as an incubator room, which there are some of the largest and best equipped machines for hatching purposes. Last year there were hatched at this place 80,000 baby chicks. The previous year there were 60,000 baby chicks hatched. During the coming season Butler expects to market at least 100,000 baby chicks from this poultry farm and a farm owned by a poultryman at 82nd street and 74th avenue, Portland, in charge of C. K. Pascoe.

It requires 27,500 eggs to set all the incubators at one time at these farms, which one would estimate 2280 dozen eggs or 3375 pounds of eggs. During the hatching season an average of 3000 baby chicks are taken off every other day, and there are about 12 people employed on the two farms to perform the work.

In the natural course of incubation 10 per cent of all eggs set are infertile, which can only be determined after the eggs have been in the machine for about seven days. According to this rule, there are over 2700 eggs hatched out of the incubators every seventh day of each incubation period of three weeks, or in other words, as there are four incubation periods or hatches during the season, the Butler farm candler out and discard as worthless about 10,800 eggs each season.

# Clackamas County Is Attaining Record For Poultry Farms

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 23.—Governor-elect Pierce went on record before the state convention of the Oregon Poultry Raisers' union last night, as favoring the establishment of a state agency and the creation of a state office—that of state poultry agent.

This and other points mentioned by Pierce, he said, will form the basis of his message to the legislature January 8. He also will urge in the assessment laws to be passed at present untaxed property at present untaxed.

Severance Tax Advocated  
As a means of decreasing expenditures he favored holding the state higher educational institutions to the limits of the millage tax provided for their maintenance, which he would retain, as well as that for elementary schools. Retention of the market levy he also favors.

The governor-elect is behind in present highway program, in the completion of the Roosevelt highway, he said, and favors a paid highway commission. Repeal of a law exempting from taxation notes secured by land mortgages is to be sought, he said.

Exclusion of Asiatics, as proposed by the American Legion, from holding land in any form in Oregon was given approval. The proposed "truth in fair trade" law also was commended.

Farmers Problem Talked  
Mr. Pierce was enthusiastically greeted by the delegates and others comprising the audience of 700. Lively applause ensued as he outlined a prospective program as governor. He spoke as one "dirt farmer" to another and dealt at length on the problem of the farm.

Herbert Egbert of The Dalles was elected president of the union for the ensuing year. E. J. Rentel of The Dalles was chosen vice president, and G. B. Jones of Monmouth, secretary and treasurer. The following were elected to the executive committee: W. W. Harrah of Pendleton, J. Whalat of Cambridge, Idaho, H. Shunway of Linnton, S. V. Jacob of Springfield and F. E. Ingalls of Eugene. It was decided to hold the convention at Eugene.

# BIG DOPE DEN RAIDED IN HEART OF 'VILLAGE'

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Drug raiders, following the "poppy path," invaded the heart of Greenwich village today, arresting five men after a desperate battle in a dark room.

The alleged opium den is within the very shadow of the Judson Memorial church. The detectives were led in person by Deputy Police Commissioner Carlton Simon, head of the narcotic squad.

Smashing glass drew hundreds of persons to the scene from nearby tea-rooms and dancing places frequented by the habitues of Greenwich village. According to the police, two complete opium layouts, and two kits of burglar tools were seized. A woman became hysterical when she was struck on the head by a missile hurled down the airshaft by one of the prisoners.

The prisoners gave the names of Anthony Larocco, John Russo, Michael Privivini, Peter Radini and Alfred Wales.

Two days ago Dr. Simon received an anonymous letter, saying that fashionably dressed women were "frequencing an opium den in Greenwich village." The letter gave the address and said that the women drove up in motor cars which waited for them.

# FIFTY-THREE ARRESTED ON DISORDERLY CHARGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 22.—Fifty-three persons were arrested in less than an hour after midnight, when the police department started enforcing the Wright act by raiding five places in the downtown district. Only one of those arrested was charged with violating the Wright act. The others were booked on charges of visiting disorderly places. Three women were among those arrested.

The Wright law was laid down to all San Francisco police lieutenant yesterday by Chief D. J. O'Brien. Prohibition Director S. F. Rutter for California announced that the police here would be given a free hand in bringing about a fuller enforcement of the dry law and that his men would be withdrawn from the local field.

Chief of Police O'Brien warned his officers that private homes are inviolate and that a man's hotel room is his home and cannot be entered without a search warrant, but reminded that a club cannot be considered as a home.

# FREEDOM OF STRAITS HOLDS UP CONFERENCE

LAUSANNE, Dec. 22.—The impression that settlement of the problem of the Turkish Straits was not progressing as rapidly as anticipated came general today as the result of a statement issued by the Turkish delegation.

This made it clear that Turkey's acceptance of the proposal to appoint an international commission of control depended upon acceptance by the allies of certain conditions demanded by the Turks.

The modifications of the original project for control of the straits asked by the Turks include an understanding that the international commission shall have no jurisdiction over the so-called "zones of demilitarization" in the region of the straits.

The Turks furthermore have demanded a pact by which the allies individually and collectively guarantee that the safety and neutrality of Turkey will not be jeopardized and that there be no aggression against Constantinople.

# MOSLEMS MASSACRED UPON ISLAND OF CRETE

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A massacre of Moslems has broken out upon the Greek island of Crete and many have been slain, according to a Central News dispatch from Athens today, quoting reports received in that city from Anatolia.

Famine conditions prevail in Crete as a result of the tremendous influx of refugees from Asia Minor.

Many farms owned by Moslems with all their stocks are said to have been seized by Greeks.

The Italian consul in Crete has intervened in an effort to establish order.

# CONGRESSMEN INVOLVED IN FEDERAL BOOZE RAID

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Swooping down upon a fashionable apartment in P. street here today, police and government agents arrested two young men whom they accuse of being bootleggers to a considerable section of Washington's social and official set.

Twenty-five gallons of alcohol which was being manufactured into synthetic gin in the apartment and an "address book" containing names of some members of congress and prominent Washingtonians were among the seizures.

The men arrested were booked at police headquarters as Raymond Gray, 28, a broker, and Ronald Hendley Irvin, 28, an engineer. Within a short time after their arrest a number of Washington attorneys were endeavoring to secure their release.

The police declined to make public the names of the "client list," but among them, the police declared, were a number of congressmen, officials of the government and socially prominent persons.

Occupants of the apartment house, aroused by the arrests, assisted the government agents to carry out the search of bottles in the apartment.

When the arrests were made 15 bottles had been filled with the gin and properly labelled. Other bottles were in process of being filled.

One of the government agents is said to have appeared at the apartment house in the guise of a customer. Gray and Irvin were later released after each gave \$1500 bond.

# WHAT TO PUT IN THE LUNCH

- The eternal question for the mother who has to do up her school-children's dinner is what to put in the lunch basket. The department of Agriculture makes these suggestions:
1. Sandwiches with sliced tender meat for filling, baked apple, cookies, or a few lumps of sugar.
  2. Slices of meat or bean loaf, sandwiches, stewed fruit, small frosted cakes.
  3. Crisp rolls, hollowed out and filled with chopped meat or fish, molletted and seasoned or mixed with salad dressing, orange, apple, a mixture of sliced fruits or berries, cake.
  4. Lettuce or celery sandwiches, cup custard, jelly sandwiches.
  5. Cottage cheese sandwiches, or a pot of cream cheese with bread and outer sandwiches, peanut sandwiches, fruit, cake.
  6. Hard boiled eggs, rolls, celery or radishes, brown sugar or maple sugar sandwiches.
  7. Bottle of milk, thin corn bread and butter, dates, apple.
  8. Raisin or nut bread with butter, cheese, orange, maple sugar.
  9. Baked bean and lettuce sandwiches, apple sauce, sweet chocolate.

# VEAL CROQUETTES

Mince a coffee cup of cold veal in a chopping bowl, adding a little cold ham and two or three slices of onion, a pinch of mace, powdered parsley and pepper, some salt. Let a pint of milk or cream come to the boiling point, then add a tablespoon of cold butter, then the above mixture. Beat up two eggs and mix with a teaspoonful of corn-starch or flour, and add to the rest; cook it all about ten minutes, stirring with care. Remove from the fire, and spread it on a platter, roll it into balls, when cooled flatten each; dip them in egg and bread crumbs, and fry in a wire basket, dipped in hot lard.

# STEAMED LEG OF MUTTON

Wash and put the leg in a steamer or crock it until tender, then place in a roasting pan, salt and dredge well with flour and set in a hot oven until nicely browned; the water that remains in the bottom of the steamer may be used for soup. Serve with currant jelly.

# Christmas Payroll of \$20,000 Is Stolen By Masked Bandits

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 23.—Four masked bandits today held up a four-wheeled automobile bearing Rosa Dennis, paymaster for the Pittsburgh Coal company, and three guards, shot and fatally injured Dennis and escaped with \$20,000 in cash which was the Christmas payroll being taken to the miners at Beading, 20 miles from here. The bandits escaped. Dennis was rushed to a Pittsburgh hospital in a dying condition. He died shortly afterward.

# Holiday Season in Ireland Is Violent

DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—The holiday season in Ireland was ushered in today with a terrific wave of violence. The city has been in panic for nearly 24 hours with bomb throwing and revolver fusillades.

Free State government offices and outposts were attacked times after time throughout the night. The attacking Republican irregulars adopted the tactics of North American Indian fighters, firing from cover and then taking flight.

Large forces of Free State troops were on patrol duty, but the attacks were so scattered that the Free Staters had difficulty in coping with the irregulars.

The civilian population was thrown into terror.

The violence extended from Dublin to Cork. Eight civilians in Cork were wounded when a bomb was thrown at a military lorry.

# DON'T CRY

There, little girl, don't cry, They have lengthened your skirts, I know; But don't you fret, You're a long way yet, From the girls of the long ago.

They have added an inch or two, But there, little girl, don't cry, For a frisky breeze Still shows your knees, As the race of men go by.

# Father Shoots Girl Rather Than See Her Become a Flapper

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 22.—John R. Wyman today shot his 15-year-old daughter Ellen, rather than see her become a full-fledged flapper. The bullet, piercing the girl's left breast, missed her heart by a fraction of an inch, surgeons found.

Wyman had intercepted a letter written by Ellen to a boy friend, in which she told of her love for the carefree life that she had been introduced to by a married couple living in the same apartment. His efforts to break up the friendship between his daughter and Mrs. Irene Brown, wife of one of his fellow employees at the Studebaker plant, is said to have led to the shooting.

"Wait until Helen is a year or so older, before you take her to cabarets with you," Wyman had pleaded with Mrs. Brown in the presence of his daughter.

The girl, however, refused to heed his plea.

"I'd rather leave home," his daughter threatened, when Wyman told the authorities after surrendering.

"I tried to frighten her into staying by drawing a gun. She rushed at me and the revolver was discharged."

In his cell tonight Wyman was distracted when told that his daughter lay at the point of death. He had given her a string of pearls and bobbed curls as a Christmas present in an endeavor to win her away from the associates who, he believed, threatened her moral ruin.

The letter written by Ellen to Irving Burdick, her boy friend in Peoria, Ill., enumerated gifts she had received from men she had met.

Mrs. Wyman, the girl's mother, criticized her divorced husband for "curbing Ellen's romantic longings to be a flapper."

"He didn't understand her," she said. "He wanted her to continue her studies at school, when she wanted to work. Sometimes I think he is losing his mind."

Ellen is his adopted daughter, according to Mrs. Wyman.

# Oregon City Couple Get License to Wed

A marriage license was issued Thursday to Harris T. Duit and Elizabeth Jennicks, both of this city.