

ENFORCE LAW

Chamber of Commerce Names a Committee

FOR BEAUTIFUL PORTLAND

All Transgressors Will Be Prosecuted.

NO MORE RUBBISH PILES

Plan to Tax Bill Boards Out of Existence and Project to Interest Citizens and Club Women is Perfected.

WHAT IS BEING DONE.

Chamber of Commerce holds meeting and appoints committee to enforce laws against transgressors of laws of cleanliness.

Mass meeting for civic improvement to be called by the Chamber.

Council may consider question of billboards.

Billboards may be abolished by raising license to such a figure that people who refuse to clean up their property will be prosecuted.

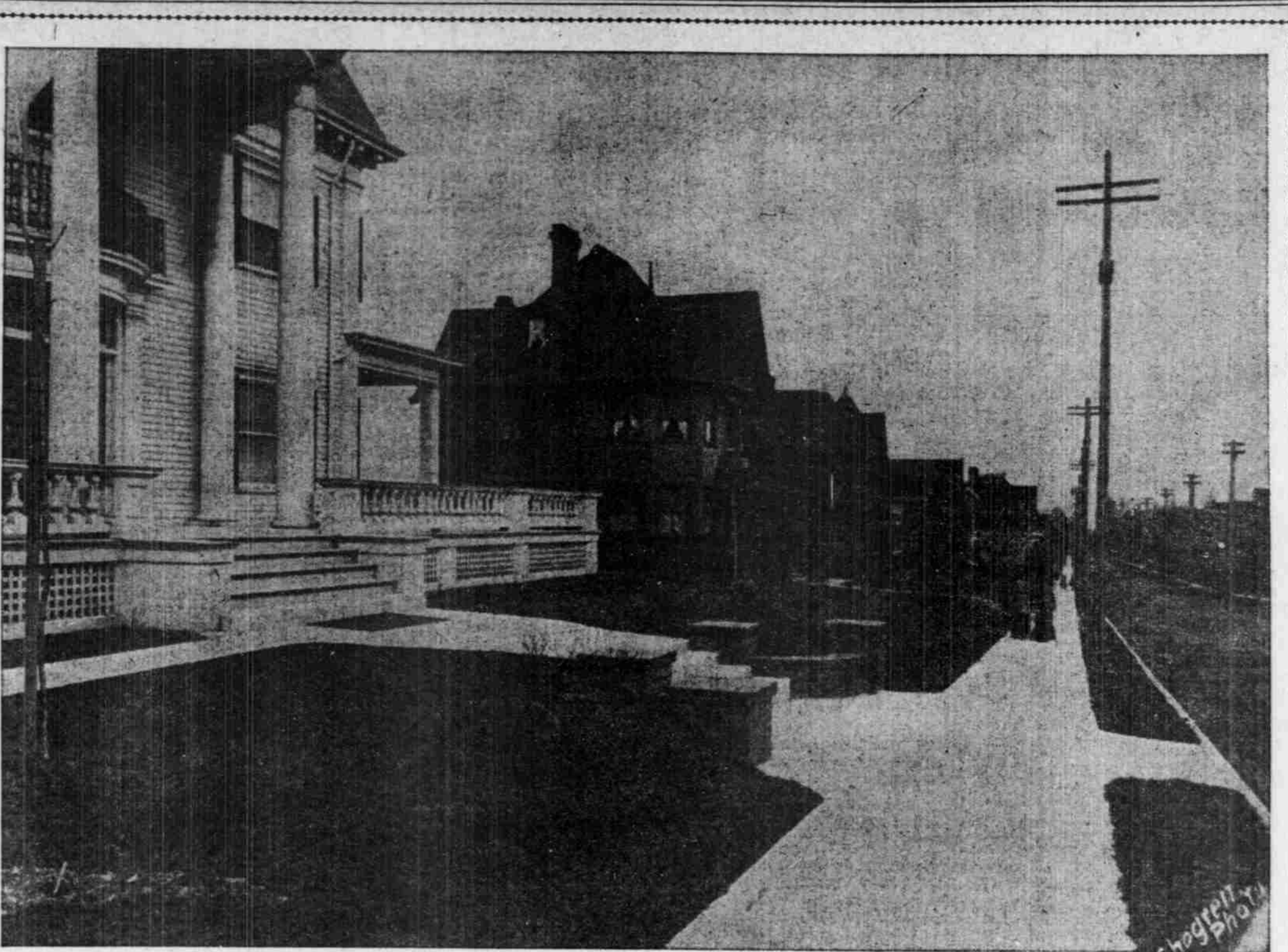
Chief of Police Hunt determined to force contractors to keep building materials out of streets.

Billboards surrounding vacant lots found to hide garbage and rubbish.

"There is one way in which the billboards can be abolished, and that is by raising the license to such a figure that bill-posting firms cannot afford to operate the boards."

Spoke a member of the Council yesterday, when asked what remedy could be taken to abolish the unsightly signs that mar the beauty of the City of Roses. Whether the Council will consider the question at the coming meeting is not at present known, but the Councilmen, headed by Mayor Williams, are on guard against the billboards, and stand for civic improvement in the strictest sense of the word.

Mayor Williams has said that the billboards are unsightly, and others declare that billboards hide a multitude of sins and stand between the garbage ordinance and the enforcement thereof, by concealing from sight heaps of garbage and rubbish thrown in vacant lots surrounded by the boards. Throughout the city this state of affairs prevails. Vacant lots surrounded by the signboards are used for dumping grounds. Heaps of rubbish that would dare be thrown on vacant lots did not the boards hide it from public gaze are to be found in the center of the city, and within a few blocks of the public buildings.



A MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD—SCENE ON FLANDERS STREET, NEAR TWENTY-THIRD, LOOKING EAST, SHOWING THE FINE EFFECT OF WELL-KEPT LAWNS WITHOUT FENCES.

FIGHTS A CODICIL

Green C. Love Objects to Father's Will.

FONDNESS FOR NEEDLEWORK

Witness Testifies That the Contestant Grew Angry at Her, Accusing Her of Hiding His Things.

In what manner the bequest to Green C. Love, made by his father, the late Captain Lewis Love, shall be conveyed to him by the executors of the will is for Judge Webster to decide. The share of Green C. Love is one-sixth of the residue of the estate, which will amount to about \$100,000. A codicil in the will provides that if he shall die without issue his share shall be divided among the other legatees. The hearing of the case was concluded yesterday, and a decision will be rendered shortly.

Objected to Daughter-in-Law.

Green C. Love is 55 years old and his present wife is No. 5, with whom he became acquainted through a newspaper advertisement which he inserted. She is a clever woman and a good musician, but she failed to make a favorable impression with Captain Love. Consequently when he executed his will he included in it a clause to the effect that the share of her husband should be entirely independent of her, and she was not to get anything even through the generosity of her lord and master.

Green C. Love is a minister in the Spiritualist Church. The provision of the codicil of the will concerning children affects his interest in the estate because only his first wife bore him children and they have all died. He has grandchildren, but it is a legal question whether they come within the terms of the will.

Love's Fancy Needlework.

Mrs. Nannie Finck, a granddaughter of Captain Love, testified that Captain Love never approved of his son Green securing a wife through the medium of the advertising columns. She also testified that Mrs. Green C. Love told her confidentially she had been divorced from a former husband only five weeks before she married Green. Branching off to another subject Mrs. Finck testified that Green C. Love frequently devoted his time to fancy needlework, at which he was quite expert. He had accused her of hiding his things on several occasions.

Green C. Love, the witness, said, was anxious that Captain Love should pass out and once wrote a letter saying she wished he would die.

Captain Love was a pioneer of Portland, and left a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF PERJURY

She Declares That Motive Is to Extort Money.

For swearing to a marriage affidavit that Miss Randolph was 15 years of age, when in truth she had only passed her 13th birthday, Mrs. D. Berkman was arrested by Sheriff Word yesterday afternoon on a charge of perjury. She was subsequently released from custody and allowed to return to her home, Sheriff Biesacker, of Vancouver, Wash., where the affidavit was subscribed to before the County Clerk last Fall, came here with a

MEET IN COTTAGES

Home Gatherings Precede the Evangelistic Campaign.

THEY WILL BEGIN TONIGHT

No Denominational Lines Will Be Drawn, but All Will Prepare for Dr. Chapman's Work in Portland.

A series of church meetings will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the homes of different church members in various portions of the city, to prepare for the evangelistic campaign which will shortly be started here. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, a sketch of whom was given in The Oregonian, February 12. At these meetings it is expected that denominational lines will be lost sight of and that people will attend the services nearest their own homes.

The list of services tonight follows:

First English Church, Evangelical Association—At the home of O. Yates, 230 East Sixth street; leader, C. C. Snyder, W. P. Mulhern, 344 East Eleventh; leader, J. H. Small, Frank Gibbs, 400 East Seventh street; leader, Charles Mulhern, E. Collins, West avenue; leader, G. W. Plumer, G. A. Nazzari, 700 Clinton street; leader, A. J. Windnagel, J. E. Smith, 675 Multnomah street; leader, C. S. Bradford.

STIRRED BY SERMON

St. Johns Discusses Talk by Rev. E. E. McVicker.

SALOON QUESTION INVOLVED

Commercial Club Members Think the License Proposition Should Not Be Considered in the Coming April Election.

Rev. E. E. McVicker, of the United Evangelical Church, of St. Johns, has caused much discussion by his sermon on the coming April election in that place. In his sermon Mr. McVicker assumed that a movement was being made to open St. Johns to saloons so that the city might have the income from the license for municipal expenses. Yesterday members of the St. Johns Commercial Association were interviewed as to the effects of Mr. McVicker's discourse and nearly all condemned his taking up the matter at all at this time, saying it to precipitate the question was unadvised.

A. S. Douglas, president of the Commercial Club, said: "It seems that Mr. McVicker wants to stir up some excitement at this time. I heard his lecture, and what he said was all right, but there is no particular call for it at this time."

J. C. Crome, secretary of the Commercial Club, added: "I heard the sermon. It was the same old story about saloons. There was nothing new in what Mr. McVicker had to say. At this time to throw the saloon question into our coming election is bad judgment, and it ought not to be allowed to cut any figure whatever in our municipal election. Why burden the incoming officers with the saloon question? The better way, in my judgment, would be to keep the saloon question entirely out of the coming election and then let the whole people vote whether they want saloons, or not. If they vote for them, that will settle it that way, and if the majority vote against them, that will settle it that way."

TO AID AN OREGON VETERAN

It is Necessary That Addresses of Officers Be Obtained.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Feb. 22.—(To the Editor)—If you will publish the following you will greatly oblige me, and may be the means of assisting an old pioneer and veteran of Oregon's early days:

Richard W. Masters was a member of Company B, Wasco Cavalry, His Chebarce papers were lost in a fire at Yuma some 30 years ago, and now, old and in ill health, he desires to find trace of his company officers, or those who could prove his identity, that he may apply for that help which is so justly due him from the state. His Captain was O. Homerson, Lieutenant J. Jeffrey, Orderly Sergeant J. H. Smith, Sergeant Wolf and Colonel Neunitt. Some of the privates were: William Ward, Richard Monroe, William Gatus and William Barrett. If any of these be living and will address Mr. Masters at Palo Verde, San Diego County, Cal., they will confer a great favor. Trusting you will give space to an old veteran, I am, sincerely, M. L. PARCELS.

ASKS AID FOR DISTRESSED FAMILY.

Charitably Inclined Citizens of Portland Have been Appealed to by Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Holzappel, of 683 Thurman Street.

For aid in supporting a woman and six children living in North Portland, who have been deserted by the husband and father. The case is a particularly sad one. The youngest child being an infant in arms prevents the mother from securing the work necessary to support herself and little ones. The rent upon the present home of the family is due today and payments upon a stove which the woman has purchased are in arrears to such an extent that the dealer from whom it was secured has demanded its return or the balance of the money.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Holzappel have expressed a willingness to assist the family as much as possible, but it is not within their power to give all that is required and they ask others to telephone to them about the matter, to help the deserted wife and children. Rev. H. J. Holzappel's telephone number is Main 4055.

TWO PRISONERS STILL FREE.

No trace has been found of Ben Darwin and Frank Darratrah, two of the four men who escaped from the City Jail last Friday night. Resorts have been searched in vain, but it is suspected that the men left the city immediately upon gaining their freedom. Investigation into the cause of the jail delivery is still under way by the Police Commissioners. Testimony has been taken from Jailer Lillis and Captain Moore, who were in charge of the station and jail on the night of the break. Chief Hunt has also been asked to explain things in connection with the police system, and the findings of the commission will probably be made public today.

Those who wish to practice economy should buy Carter's Little Liver Pills. Forty pills in a vial; only one pill a day.

TODAY CELEBRATES HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Sophrona Gibson, who today celebrates her 90th birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Starbuck, at Mount Taylor, was born near Bangor, Me., March 1, 1815. She was the eldest daughter of Israel Ingham, who, after having moved to Ohio, died of the cholera in 1850, leaving her to sit her mother in the supine state of a large family of brothers and sisters. At the age of 24 she was married to David Gibson, of Illinois, who afterward became well known to the pioneers of Oregon. In 1852, Mr. Gibson, with his wife and four small children, headed an emigrant train of 100 wagons and crossed the plains to Oregon. That year is a dark spot in the history of the Oregon trail. The party was overtaken by the cholera along the Platte River, and before the members could leave the river, they had buried half their company. The Gibson family all escaped, and six months after leaving Illinois the weary open tilled down the western slope of the Cascade into the long-sought Oregon Valley.

The family settled on a farm in Polk County, near Salem, which Mrs. Gibson still owns. Mr. Gibson died in January, 1894, aged 82.

Mrs. Gibson has four sons and two daughters. She divides her time between her sons on the old farm and her daughters, Mrs. William Patrick, of Tillamook, and Mrs. Starbuck, of Portland. She is exceptionally vigorous in mind and body.

COURT NOTES.

Ether P. Ransom was appointed in the County Court yesterday administratrix of the estate of her husband, James W. Ransom, deceased. The estate is valued at \$500.

The inventory and appraisal of the estate of Daniel H. King, deceased, was filed in the County Court yesterday. The assets amount to \$111 and include a claim against the O. R. & N. Co. for \$500 damages for causing the death of King on November 21, 1894, and \$50 for killing his span of horses and demolishing his farm wagon.

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B. M. LOMBARD,
514 Chamber of Commerce.

Let us have our election free entirely from the question. Let us elect first-class men to office."

Dr. E. M. Hensel said: "I did not hear the sermon, owing to a critical case I had on hand, but to precipitate the saloon question into the coming election is not good judgment, however honest Mr. McVicker may be in his own convictions."

"Mr. McVicker simply put up a straw man and tried to knock him out," said R. Sheppard.

"Unnecessary and uncalled for at this time," was the verdict of L. B. Chipman. "The saloon question should cut no figure whatever in the coming election."

"There was no occasion for the sermon on saloons as far as St. Johns is concerned," said W. H. King. "It is a question which should not be interjected into our coming election."

Councilman V. J. Monahan declared: "I heard Mr. McVicker, but I do not want to say anything about the sermon. I will say this, that it would be better for all the people of St. Johns to pull together to found a clean and model city, and not kick and pull back against everything that is being done."

A mass meeting will be held in the early part of March when a nonpartisan ticket will be nominated. This is the programme of the Commercial Association, but there will also be another ticket in the field, which will probably represent opposition to the Commercial Club people."

AS TO THAT FORTY DEAD LINE

Dr. Cressley Cites Accomplishments of More Elderly Men.

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—(To the Editor)—In the report on the death of the 40-year-old man's greatest accomplishment given in The Oregonian of yesterday I was erroneously quoted as saying that most of the greatest achievements in the military art have been accomplished by men of advanced years. What I said, however, was this, that while the physical exposure and stress of war are better endured by those still in comparative youth, and examples in this line of action are most frequently adduced by those who place the "dead line" at 40, the claims are hardly justified even in this narrow aspect. The whole question is perhaps somewhat trite, but still interesting. Hannibal, when he maintained himself in Italy after the defeat of Hasdrubal against all the power of what Mommsen calls the Roman symmachy, was over 40. At 50 he displayed as Chief Magistrate of Carthage an ability in administration not less than his skill in battle. Caesar developed military genius in middle age, won his Gallic victories between 40 and 50 and at the battle of Pharsalus was 52.

Wellington was about 48 at the battle of Waterloo. Napoleon, though the decline in power of execution shortly after his 40th year, but no campaign was more brilliantly planned or more victoriously executed than the English and Prussians in Belgium and his failure was undoubtedly due to periods of physical prostration. Had Napoleon been simply the General, had his physical strength not been perpetually overtaxed by stress of execution of far-reaching plans of every description, evolved out of his labyrinthine mind with almost superhuman energy for the benefit of his empire, it is unlikely that his powers would have shown any diminution. Von Moltke during the Franco-German War was 70, Blumark 85.

The greatest results have been achieved at so special time of life. Poetry is the language of youth; philosophy, the expression of the finest character and the most profound incidental conditions determine the result, but neither law nor experience places a limit of age to man's ability for achievement.

GEORGE CROWELL CRESSLEY.

Mount Hood Railway Corporation.

Articles of incorporation of the Mount Hood Railway Company have been filed in Oregon. Utah the company having a paid-up capital stock of \$100,000, the whole stock to be \$250,000. All but one of the incorporators are Utah men, but the principal reason for forming the company was to build a railroad up the Hood River Valley. This will be the first work done, and the incorporators have expressed the intention of commencing the road at once. The incorporators are William H. Eccles, president; Thomas D. Reed, vice-president; Henry H. Rolapp, secretary; and David Eccles, treasurer. H. H. Spencer, David C. Eccles, Joseph A. West, all of Ogden; Charles W. Kibbey, W. W. Ritter and George Romney, of Salt Lake; and Charles T. Early, of Wasco County, Oregon.

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