

FIRE MARSHAL FOR STATE'S PROPOSED

Bill Prepared and Will Be Put Up to Legislature at Coming Session.

BIG SAVING IS FORECAST

Duties Would Be to Advise Cities and Enforce Laws Under Plan in 21 Other States—Insurance Men Advocates.

Does Oregon need a fire marshal?

This is one of the questions that the coming Legislature will be called on to answer, and one, moreover, that already has been the subject of attention on the part of the insurance code commission for the last 17 months.

Harvey Wells, State Insurance Commissioner, backed by the opinion of nearly all members of the commission, believes that the state will save money by the creation of the office of fire marshal.

A bill providing for such an office has been prepared and will be submitted to the Legislature next month. The measure combines the recommendations of the Fire Men's Associations, the Safety Forum League, the domestic mutual fire insurance companies and many other people interested.

In discussing the question Mr. Wells says: The fire marshal's duties will be to enforce all the state laws pertaining to the act describing his duties and to suggest to the various municipalities ordinances, rules and regulations relating to the prevention of fire, the storage of combustibles and the use of public halls, schools and other buildings where a number of people work, live or congregate are provided.

Two Years' Loss \$5,632,000. We find that insurance companies paid in 1915 to the citizens of this state \$2,715,000 and in 1916 \$2,083,000, a total loss of \$632,000. Now we know that there are many buildings not insured and others have insurance ranging from 25 per cent to 75 per cent of the value, so it is safe to estimate the total waste in property in these two years at \$6,500,000.

A proper fire marshal should reduce the waste in this state the first year at least \$500,000 and make the means of saving lives. If a reduction of \$500,000 in the fire waste is accomplished, we will agree that he has done good work. If this result is obtained it would mean an income to the insurance companies, we will say, of \$400,000, from which the expense of conducting this business must be deducted, but the state is entitled to a tax on the \$400,000 which would amount to \$80,000. Then the insurance rates are next to be considered, for the insurance companies have their rates upon the loss ratio. Now, if the fire waste is reduced this amount, we should be entitled to a general reduction of at least 5 per cent in rates. Therefore, summing up the total, we have saved \$900,000 in property, we have secured a reduction in the average insurance rates and a revenue to the state of at least \$100,000. Now we certainly should be willing to concede the fact that if we can get something like reasonable as this there should be no objections.

New Office Not Created. The appointment of a fire marshal does not in a sense create a new office, but places additional work in the insurance department, but the work will be conducted separately in order to know what results the two departments are accomplishing. Therefore the bill which has been prepared makes the insurance commissioner ex-officio fire marshal and he should appoint a fire marshal who shall have charge of the office.

It provides that the chiefs of all fire departments shall have authority to investigate such and such and report on the date of every fire, and if it appears upon investigation that the fire was caused by carelessness, he shall immediately notify the office of the State Fire Marshal, who shall make an investigation of the cause to be made, and if on such investigation there is evidence sufficient to charge any person with the crime of carelessness, he shall cause such person to be arrested and charged with such offense and a check upon those who overinsure by placing insurance in several companies.

There are many other requirements which, if enforced by the right kind of a fire marshal, will render great assistance toward reducing the fire waste and protect the lives of citizens of this state.

PERSONAL MENTION.

James Dryden, of Corvallis, is at the Seaward. R. M. Frye, of Sheridan, is registered at the Cornwell. J. Barkman, of Seattle, is registered at the Multnomah. Clara Richardson is registered at the Oregon from Baker. H. W. Bryan, of Seattle, is registered at the Washington. H. K. Donnelly, of Hills, is registered at the Imperial. John Milne, Jr., of Sillaboro, is registered at the Oregon. H. C. McKinney, of Dundee, is registered at the Imperial. Louis C. Rosenberg, of Eugene, is an arrival at the Perkins. Harry Summer, of St. Louis, is registered at the Portland. H. G. Fleming, of Salem, is an arrival at the Multnomah. Harry Mills, of St. Charles, Idaho, is registered at the Carlton. H. A. Frost, of Spokane, is registered at the Washington. Frank W. Hawley, of Newberg, is registered at the Perkins. Miss Christina Franklin, of Albany.

Campbell Hill Hotel

741 Washington Street. Phone Main 7584. SUNDAY DINNER December 3, 1916. 5:30 to 7:30 P. M. 50c Steamed Clams, Malted Butter. Celery, Pipe Olives. Cream of Corn Soup. Fried Spring Chicken, Country Gravy. Mashed Potatoes. Baked Sweet Potatoes. Pop-overs. Apricot Jam. Fig Pudding, Lemon Sauce. Angel Ice Cream. Cake. Crackers. Cheese. Coffee. Weekday Dinner 40c.

who is passing a few days in the city, is registered at the Carlton. R. H. Seligman, of Cleveland, is registered at the Multnomah. C. C. Bedford, of Twin Falls, is registered at the Multnomah. J. F. Gilpin, of Astoria, is among the arrivals at the Oregon. J. D. Garbutt, of Corvallis, is among the arrivals at the Seaward. J. A. Wall and O. J. Johnson, of Bend, are registered at the Oregon. Sam R. Goldstein, of Wyandotte, Dakota, is registered at the Portland. Mrs. J. C. Howe and Miss C. A. Allen, of Indianapolis, are at the Portland. D. J. Riley, a recent arrival from Dallas, is registered at the Cornwell. Mr. and Mrs. A. Newman, of Seattle, are recent arrivals at the Washington. Miss Ellen Jackson, of McMinnville, is among the arrivals at the Portland. C. C. and J. S. Wilson, of Nampa.

PORTLAND PIONEER OF HALF CENTURY DIES AT 81 YEARS OF AGE.

Henry L. Darling. Henry L. Darling, who died last Tuesday of pneumonia, was 81 years old and had been a resident of Portland for more than half a century. Mr. Darling died while at the home of his granddaughter, 294 Fargo street. Mr. Darling came to Portland from Seaport, Me. He was prominent in the woodwork finishing trade. The funeral was held last week. Surviving Mr. Darling are: Mrs. Frances Carey, of Portland; Mrs. M. E. Henderson, of Crown Point; C. C. Darling, of Portland, and W. H. Darling, of Bend, formerly of Portland, and the grandfather of Mrs. Gratton and Mrs. J. E. Holden.

Idaho, arrived at the Imperial yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rowland are registered at the Cornwell from Salt Lake City. Judge Olaf Anderson, of Astoria, is registered at the Carlton with his family. Herbert Williams, of White Salmon, is registered at the Seaward, with Mrs. Williams. W. L. Moore, of Yambhill, who arrived in the city recently, is registered at the Carlton. Mrs. R. L. Bosworth and Mrs. M. J. Bosworth, of Corvallis, are registered at the Imperial. Gilbert R. Long, of Madras, who arrived in the city with Mrs. Long yesterday, is registered at the Perkins. M. Vernon Parsons, a prominent attorney of Eugene, and formerly a member of the legislature, is registered at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vanderpool and J. K. Vanderpool, who arrived in the city from Dufur yesterday, are registered at the Cornwell.

WILD DUCK ARE PLENTIFUL

Chicago Ballplayers Among Those Enjoying Sport at Grays Harbor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Large numbers of wild ducks have been killed in the lower harbor by hunters during the past two weeks, and the stormy weather driving the birds near shore and bringing them to within easy range of the shotguns. The ducks have been plentiful all season, but during the past week they kept pretty much out of the hunters' way. Among those who have been making good bags of game are Jacques Fournier, of the Chicago White Sox, and Tom Seaton, pitcher, who last year played with Indianapolis, but who belongs to the Chicago Red Sox. The two big leaguers are brothers-in-law, Seaton having married Fournier's sister.

WATER PROJECT ASSURED

Five Hundred Acres to Be Put Under Ditch at Riddle.

RIDDLE, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—After many years of waiting for an irrigation project to be put in operation, Cow Creek Valley has at last succeeded. D. Helms is promoter of the project. The land is all signed up and the farmers are only waiting for the construction of the ditch. The project will put under water about 500 acres of the best land in this valley.

LIGHT AT 10 PER NIGHT

The Sunshine Safety Lamp Co., 162 Factory Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., has a new portable gasoline lamp which gives the most powerful home light in the world—a blessing to every home not equipped with gas or electricity. 300 Candle Power at 1 cent per night. This remarkable lamp has no wick and no chimney, is absolutely safe and gives such universal satisfaction they are sending it to any person in the U. S. on 10 Days' Free Trial. If you want to try it send them your name and address at once.—Adv.

Sugar Company Raises Beet Price.

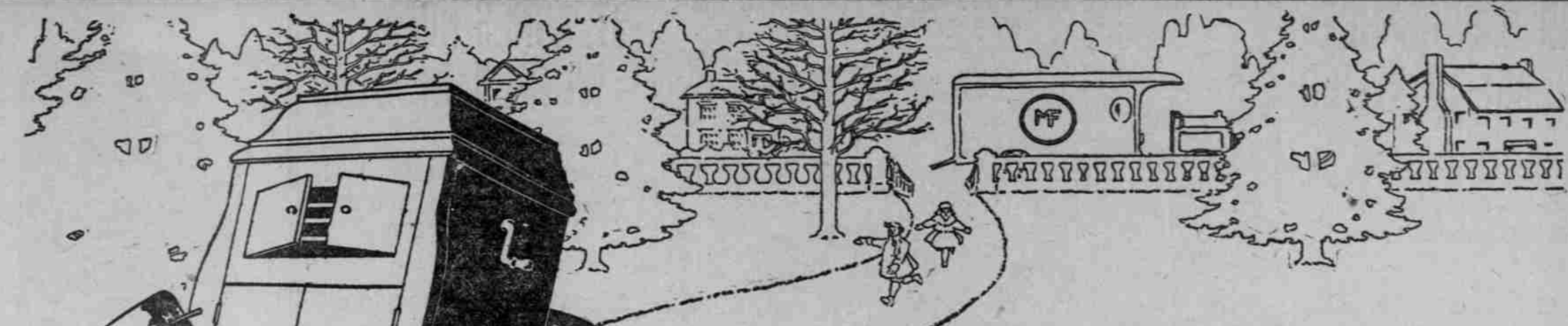
NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Contracts for sugar beet acreage in this valley are to be called in by the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company and new ones will be issued providing for payment of \$3 a ton for sugar beets instead of \$2, named in the contracts now out. This is the second rise in price, the original figure having been \$2.50.

Scio Printer Not Indicted.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A. E. Edwards, a Scio printer, who was charged with burning a dwelling he was occupying last September, was not indicted by the grand jury, which adjourned yesterday. "Not a true bill" was returned in his case.

Aberdeen to Regulate Jitneys.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Regulation of the jitneys is being sought by Mayor J. M. Phillips, who declares that some of the drivers are conducting their business in a responsible manner and in a way that will increase law violations.



Have Meier & Frank Co. send your Christmas Phonograph home NOW! OR WE WILL HOLD PURCHASES FOR ANY LATER DELIVERY. Christmas is not so far away! Select your phonograph now, while our stocks are still complete. Hear the famous makes side by side—Victor, Columbia, Edison. Pay only a small amount now and enjoy your machine right away. It'll be a matchless Christmas gift for the entire family.

Victrola Outfit. Victrola IX, New Cabinet, 12 Selections (6 Double-Disc 75c Records) \$66.50. Come in and see this Christmas outfit Monday! Let us demonstrate it to you without obligation. Pay Only \$4 Down and \$5 Monthly.

EDISON Re-Creation of Music. The new Edison Diamond-Disc Phonograph re-creates all forms of music so perfectly that you cannot tell the living voice from Mr. Edison's reproduction. Illustration shows the new laboratory model Edison. Private demonstration of the Edison instruments any day. Easy Terms if Desired.

Splendid Grafonola Outfit \$39.50. We were only able to secure 50 of them for the Christmas Club! A splendid machine—genuine Grafonola, just as illustrated. Gives full, rich volume of sound. Has latest Columbia features. Outfit, including 12 selections (6 D. D. records), \$39.50. Pay Only \$2 Down and \$4 Monthly. —Phonograph Shop, Sixth Floor.

BIG JINKS PLANNED

Portland Press Club Has 14 Tuesday Night Attractions.

GRECIAN DANCE IS CLASSIC

Great Crowd is Expected, as Entertainment Programme Includes Several Fine Numbers—Refreshments to Be Served.

RAINS CAVE IN SEWER

Earth Slides From Section of Tanner Creek Trunk. Crew Rushed to Run Shafts to Remove Weight, but Flooding is Possible if Pipe is Found Choked.

YAKIMA TO HAVE FIVE COMPANIES.

(Special.)—Five companies of militia in this city instead of the two heretofore maintained are part of the plans of the state for development of its military establishment during the next five years, according to statements by Ma-

in this city from the East. She will sing several numbers, with violin obligato by Camille Taylor, and piano accompaniment by Mrs. W. G. Holcomb. A big treat will be a brass quartet by W. P. McElroy, the popular band director, R. B. Powell, J. H. Held and William Livingstone, all of whom are artists on their respective instruments. Harridge Whipp, the favorite baritone, will give a number of solos. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Whipp. May Clark, soprano soloist with the Columbian Ladies' Orchestra, will sing as a part of the 30-minute programme the popular "White Sox" and "Tom Seaton." The orchestra will give several orchestral numbers and instrumental solos and duets.

There also will be W. C. Tuttle, magician from Gorman's Amusement Bureau, to mystify the newspaper men and their friends, and a number of other attractions. The theaters will furnish six or seven additional acts from their current bills.

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A great crowd is anticipated, as each member of the club is permitted to bring two or three friends.

Heavy rains caused a cave-in yesterday of a portion of the old Tanner Creek trunk sewer in Eleventh street, near Hoyt street. A force of workmen were sunk to the sewer in three places, the direction of City Engineer Dater and J. C. Sharp, sewer engineer, and efforts were put under way to prevent serious trouble.

The cave-in came at a point where the bottom of the old sewer has been eroded by the action of the water. The sewer has not been filled up by the settlement of the earth, but is in danger of being clogged at any time. The sewer is seven feet in diameter at this point.

Arrangements were made for the sinking of shafts so as to remove the weight from the top of the big pipe. A force of men started this task yesterday and will continue until the shafts are sunk to the sewer in three places, thus removing all the overlying dirt. City Engineer Dater said that there is immediate danger of the cave-in clogging the pipe, in which event serious flooding may result.

Plans for the rebuilding of the sewer all the way from Taylor street to the river in North Portland have been made and bids for the work are to be opened a week from Wednesday. It is planned to have the sewer rebuilt in 1917 at a cost of about \$250,000.

An internal combustion locomotive of German invention that uses crude oil for fuel frequently attains a speed of 60 miles an hour.

LUMBER VIEW LIKED

E. B. Hazen Predicts Great Revival of Business.

LIST OF REASONS GIVEN

Demand From Railroads and Europe as Well as Advance in Price of Substitutes Expected to Better Market Materially.

If the lumber industry is to regain the ground that it has lost, in the last decade, through the invasion of its field by substitutes, every agency engaged in lumbering must co-operate, says E. B. Hazen, manager of the Bridal Veil Lumber Company, who is regarded as one of the best-informed lumber producers on the Pacific Coast.

This spirit of co-operation was emphasized by Mr. Hazen on the occasion of the recent visit to Portland of some of the leading lumber men of the East and South.

Mr. Hazen is quite optimistic. In analyzing the situation as it bears on the immediate future, he said:

The unprecedented railroad earnings will bring the roads back into the market as heavy purchasers.

The rising cost of all substitute materials is going to help lumber.

The rebuilding of Europe will help the American lumber market.

The discovery by consumers, without even our suggestions, that some of these substitutes which they have been using are not so good as they are advertised to be.

The direct merchandising abroad by co-operating exporters is one of the best-realized activity which will be a big thing for the business.

The spirit of co-operation evinced by the departments of the Government through the Lumber Trade Commission, the War Service and the Department of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, is going to be of great assistance.

We must support association work in every phase. We must push wood where wood is best, we must push wood in pavement, shingles, stove pipe, sills, pulp, veneer, cooperage and eventually in products of wood distillation. We must make shingles fire retardant; we must create our lumber; we must determine the limitations of our product and be governed accordingly. Out of this sort of effort some old uses will be revived, some new uses will be discovered, and unfair encroachments will be successfully combated and wood use will be supported.

for L. L. Bolles, of the Adjutant's office to National Guard officers here, when he was in North Yakima for Thanksgiving.

Klamath Girls Make Dresses.

(Special.)—Dresses, petticoats, shirt-waists, blouses, tailored suits and many other articles of apparel for women, all made by the girls of Klamath County High School, have been placed on exhibition in a local store window. The girls who did the sewing belong to the classes in domestic science and made the garments throughout by themselves, except for instruction from Miss Isabel Mears. Not only are the articles of clothing themselves shown, but also

MAMMA! GIVE A CASCARET QUICK, LOOK AT TONGUE

Don't You See Your Child Is Bilious, Feverish, Sick, Constipated?

Relieve Little Stomach, Liver and Bowels With Candy Cathartic.



Listless, peevish, feverish, drooping. Little stomach sick, breath sour and tongue coated. Mamma, you must act now or your little one will be real sick soon. Get a 10-cent box of Cascarets at the drug store, give a whole Cascaret any time. Cascarets are harmless and children love this candy cathartic which stimulates the little liver, cleans the thirty feet of tender bowels and sweetens the poor, sick stomach in a few hours.

Mothers know that Cascarets act and act thoroughly and that they cure the little folks right up. Cascarets is best laxative for men, women and children. They never gripe or sicken.—Adv.

the cost of material in each case is given.

BIG EATERS GET KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take Salts at First Sign of Bladder Irritation or Backache.

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead, your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment, or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizziness, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then be in fine fettle. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and sweeten the kidneys; it neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water beverage, and belongs in every home, because nobody can make a mistake by having a good kidney flushing at any time.—Adv.

PROVEN SWAMP-ROOT AIDS WEAK KIDNEYS

The symptoms of kidney and bladder troubles are often very distressing and leave the system in a run-down condition. The kidneys seem to suffer most, as almost every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these dangerous signals often lead to dangerous kidney troubles.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, which soon leads and strengthens the kidneys, is a splendid kidney, liver and bladder remedy, and, being an herbal compound, has a gentle healing effect on the kidneys, which is almost immediately noticed in most cases by those who use it.

A trial will convince anyone who may be in need of it. Better get a bottle from your nearest drug store and start treatment at once.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation, send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention The Portland Sunday Oregonian.