

ROSEBURG NEEDS FIRE EQUIPMENT

Inspector From State Fire
Marshall's Office Makes
Detailed Report.

SHOULD HAVE A PUMP

Water Pressure is so Low That the
School Buildings Are Menaced
and Pump is Needed to Give
Proper Streams of Water.

Declaring that the fire equipment of Roseburg is wholly inadequate to cope with a fire of any size, and that the council is criminally negligent if it fails to provide additional fire fighting apparatus, George W. Stokes, of the state fire marshal's office, appeared before the council last night. Mr. Stokes put up a strong case for the municipality to have a pump and a fire engine. He made a most excellent talk and backed up all of his suggestions with actual and indisputable facts.

"Fire prevention is being given the thought and time of the brainiest man in the country," Mr. Stokes told the council, "and well it should be given consideration. For the United States lost last year \$350,000,000 through fire. This loss is nearly all caused by carelessness and the United States is known the world over for its gross waste and carelessness caused purely by the carelessness of its people. Three years ago Oregon's fire loss was over \$4,000,000 per month, but it has now been reduced to \$1,000,000. The United States has the best equipped fire departments and the best fire fighters in the world, but still the fire loss is greater than any place in the world.

"The fire waste in the United States would build the Panama canal once every two years. Every time the minute hand of your watch passes the minute mark, we have a fire in this country. We burn down eight school houses every day in this country. The greatest cause of fires is the cigarette. Over \$11,000,000 worth of property are destroyed weekly because of the cigarette. The American people smoke 3000 miles of cigarettes every day and it is these butts that cause the greater part of our fires. The Baltimore fire which resulted in a loss of \$15,000,000 and 11 lives was started by a cigarette, and so with thousands and thousands of other fires.

"The United States is a disgrace to the world because of its carelessness with its property. No matter how well equipped your fire departments are, you are going to have fires. There is only one safe method, and that is constant inspection. A few years ago Portland's loss per capita was \$7. Then Jay Stevens went to Chicago and learned of the inspection system and when he came back to Portland he put it into effect and now Portland's per capita loss is 87 cents, the lowest in the United States. People must be made personally responsible. There is a law in the state of Oregon that after a man has been officially notified of a fire hazard which he fails to remove, he may be held personally liable for any damage which may follow.

"Insurance, gentlemen, is reduced in ratio to the improvements made in your fire department. At Bend an expenditure of \$20,000 for fire fighting equipment resulted in a reduction of ten per cent in insurance costs. The council immediately voted additional funds and a reduction of five per cent more was given. Fire equipment is badly needed all over the state. The state fire marshal's office was created for the purpose of making inspections to cities and towns regarding additions and changes in their fire departments.

"I have made a thorough investigation in your city. You have given your boys some fine apparatus, what there is of it, but you must now provide them with tools to meet modern conditions. It used to be that our fire fighting apparatus consisted of a number of buckets in which water was passed to the fire, then came the hand pump and then the steam, horse-drawn fire engine, and now the modern motor trucks equipped with high pressure pumps.

"These are the days of basement fires. You have agreed to purchase a cellar scribe, but that throws a stream of water in only a radius of six feet. You need a cellar pipe to work in connection with it.

"You have a five story hotel. As you all know, fire follows an elevator shaft and stairways. If people had to jump from the upper windows you have no way of catching them. You need a life net and you need it at once.

"You should also provide 200 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose. More damage is caused at a fire by water than by the fire, in many cases. In a small fire the small hose could be attached to the big pipe and a high pressure

stream thrown into the blaze with excellent result and without serious injury to the remainder of the building. It could also be used to back up your chemical.

"You also need a Chapman gate at your hydrants. This permits the connecting of two or more hose lines from a hydrant without shutting off the water while the new connection is made.

"Ladders are also needed, as you have no equipment for fighting fires in the third and fourth stories of your business buildings.

"You need constant inspection of your hydrants and apparatus. We made a test of a number of hydrants and in one of your best residence districts the only hydrant in the entire section could not be opened by two of us equipped with large wrenches. It is your duty, gentlemen, to see that these people are afforded protection. At one of your school houses there is only one hydrant and it is so situated that you would lose many valuable minutes in making connections. In the event of a bad fire your other hydrant is 400 feet away and by the time you forced water through that length of hose the friction would be so great you would have no pressure. You have only one half the number of hydrants you need. A large part of the city is absolutely unprotected.

"It is a puzzle to me how you ever fight fires in this city with the water pressure you have. Down in the business district the pressure is fairly good, but on the elevation there is absolutely no pressure worth considering for fire fighting purposes. Above all things you need a pump. Take your school building, for instance, with two stories and a basement and only one hydrant. You can't get pressure enough to break a window. About all you could do would be to watch the building and the children burn. With a suitable pump you could supply four streams at a pressure of 250 pounds. Enough pressure to require six men on every nozzle. That would soon control your fire.

"These things are only a few of those your city needs, but with the apparatus I have enumerated added to your already splendid equipment, you would be in a much better condition to protect your city from this terrible fire loss which is menacing the country."

The council thanked Mr. Stokes very heartily for his suggestions and the matter of additions to the fire equipment will be given consideration.

FORMER RESIDENTS IN AUTO SMASHUP

J. C. Carson, Who Formerly
Ran Saw Mill at Melrose,
Has A Narrow Escape.

HIS FAMILY IS INJURED

Car Backs Down Grade on Yachats-
Florence Road and Jumps Over
Two Embankments, Land-
ing Upside Down.

J. C. Carson and family, who until about two years ago resided in Douglas county and conducted a sawmill in the Melrose district, were the principals in a serious auto accident which occurred Sunday evening two miles south of Yachats, in Lincoln county. Two children and two women, one of whom was near death Monday night, were injured when the auto driven by Mr. Carson backed over two embankments and landed upside down on the beach below.

One of Carson's daughters, aged 3, sustained a cut that nearly tore her ear away, the other, aged 5, sustained a fractured skull. Mrs. Carson, who is about to become a mother again, was injured internally so seriously that tonight it was thought she could not recover, and Mrs. Carson's mother sustained a crushed ankle.

At the time of the accident the car was ascending the grade on the Florence-Yachats road. The engine was "killed" when Mr. Carson tried to shift gears at a point where the road runs about 100 feet above the beach and on the point of a bluff.

As Carson left the car to crank the engine, the machine started backing down the hill.

Carson made a run for the steering wheel and managed to keep the car in the road for about 50 feet, when it turned off down a steep bank some 40 feet high. Reaching the bottom, still upright, the car proceeded up a short incline and hurled over a precipitous cliff onto the beach 30 or 40 feet below.

Mr. Carson without realizing what he was doing, leaped to the beach. He escaped injury, but found the rest of the party unconscious on the beach.

Dr. Leonard of Portland happened to be near and gave assistance. Mrs. Koehler hurried to a nearby house and telephoned Dr. Linton of Waldport. This was the second car plunge from the bluff near Yachats last week. Mr. Carson operates a sawmill near Yachats.

COUNTIES CAN ISSUE WARRANTS

Warrants Can be Used in Lieu
of Bonds For Permanent
Road Improvement.

BROWN GIVES OPINION

Because of Unfavorable Conditions
of Bond Market, Many Coun-
ties Will Not Sell, But
Will Issue Warrants.

SALEM, Aug. 2.—Attorney-General Brown, in a legal opinion given yesterday pointed out the way whereby counties authorizing the issuance of bonds for permanent road construction, may obtain funds for such improvements, despite the present unfavorable condition of the bond market. The solution of the problem, according to the attorney-general, is the issuance of warrants which later may be paid off through the sale of bonds.

The opinion was given by the attorney-general at the request of T. H. Coyne, district attorney of Tillamook county, and is of interest to every county in the state. Many counties in Oregon have issued bonds for road improvements, according to word reaching the attorney-general's office, but in a majority of instances these counties have been unable to dispose of their securities.

Questions advanced by District Attorney Coyne and the answer of the attorney-general follow:

"If county warrants are issued in lieu of such bonds, can such bonds afterward be sold with which to secure funds to pay off such warrants?"

To this question my answer is in the affirmative.

"If the court has been authorized to sell such bonds, how long could the court wait before making the sale of bonds authorized?"

To this question my answer is, a reasonable length of time.

"If such warrants are not paid for by sale of bonds, how can such warrants be paid for or retired by a levy made for such purpose?"

To this question my answer is as follows: Section 14 provides that "beginning with the fourth year after bonds are sold, the county court shall each year thereafter set aside as a special fund for the payment of the bonds such percentage of the face value of the bonds as at the time of their maturity shall aggregate the full face value thereof." I would say that warrants issued in lieu of such bonds should be retired beginning with at least the fourth year after the issuance of such warrants in the event it is necessary to retire them by levy of taxes.

Could the court levy a sufficient amount with which to pay such warrants, at the next levy made after the warrants are issued, or would the levy have to be made in the same manner and time as the levy would have been made had the bonds been sold instead of the warrants?"

To this question my answer is that, in my judgment in the event that bonds are not sold and the proceeds applied to redemption of warrants, that the warrants should commence to be retired by making a levy not later than the fourth year; but I see no prohibition against making an earlier levy.

Acceptance Not Compulsory.

"Where the court had contracted for machinery to be used in the improvement of county roads, and expected to pay for same out of the proceeds of the sale of bonds, would the vendor of such machinery, to the county, be obliged to accept such warrants in payment of such machinery contract, or would warrants have to be first sold and the proceeds used to pay the vendor?"

To this question my answer is that, the vendor would not be required to accept the warrants of the county for machinery. It is my opinion that the warrants should be first sold and the proceeds used to pay the vendors. You will note that Section 7 provides that the warrants shall be in denominations of \$50, or multiples thereof, up to \$1000.

"Would the court have to advertise the sale of such warrants in the same manner as they would have to advertise in case of sale of bonds?"

To this question my answer is, that the statute does not, by express words, require the advertisement of such warrants, but it is my opinion that it would be the better policy to advertise the sale of said warrants as the same constitute obligations of the county, and the obligations in lieu of which they are issued are required to be advertised.

"If a levy should be made to secure money with which to pay or retire such warrants, would it be affected by the 6 per cent constitutional limitation, or would the court be able to levy a sufficient amount to pay the whole thereof with one

levy?"

Limitation Not Effective.

To this question my answer is, that the 6 per cent constitutional limitation amendment would not affect the levy made for the purpose of retiring bonded indebtedness or interest thereon; nor would it, in my judgment, affect the levy of taxes for the purpose of paying interest or redeeming the warrants issued in lieu of bonds as aforesaid.

"In case warrants are issued in lieu of bonds, can they be sold at less than par?"

To this question my answer is in the negative. While there is no provision in said chapter 102 expressly forbidding the sale of warrants at less than par, it does prohibit the sale of bonds for less than 100 cents on the dollar. In my judgment, the warrants issued in lieu of bonds should not be sold for less than par. It was the intent of the legislature that adopted and that framed said bond law, to provide that the bonds issued and sold in pursuance of said act should be sold at par; and I haven't any idea that it was the legislative intent that the par idea should be defeated by the issuing of warrants to be sold in lieu of bonds at a less rate than par.

Wants Jinney License Revoked

Claiming that Jinney 76 is being used for immoral purposes, Mrs. M. F. Swanson last night appeared before the city council and requested that the motorbus license be revoked. Mrs. Swanson stated that the Jinney has been used freely in taking out young couples for "joy rides" and that the driver himself, who she stated was Edgar T. Shanks, has been implicated in numerous escapades, representing himself to girls to be a single man, while it is generally known that he is married. Mrs. Swanson's statement that girls have confessed to having been taken out in the Jinney for immoral purposes was substantiated by City Health Officer B. R. Shoemaker, to whom it is alleged the confessions were made.

Mrs. Swanson named Edgar Shanks as being responsible for the "wild" rides and requested the council to revoke the license issued to him. The matter was referred to the committee on health and police and a hearing before this committee will be held, at which time Mrs. Swanson and Mr. Shanks will both be given an opportunity to appear, together with suitable witnesses. The license was suspended until after the hearing.

Roy Catching Buys Service Station

Roy Catching, a well known resident of this city, today completed the purchase of the Service Station, located on Oak street, owned by H. Merten and heretofore operated in connection with his automobile show rooms on Jackson street. Mr. Catching will now have full ownership of the Service Station and will endeavor to give a high standard of service to all customers. He is an expert mechanic and has been employed by Mr. Merten for some time. All employees at the Service Station will be trained mechanics. Although Mr. Catching has not yet made an announcement of his plans, it is thought that he will remodel to some extent at a later date. He will take active ownership immediately.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. F. H. Norman, of Millwood, was a Roseburg visitor today, looking after business matters and doing some shopping.

Mrs. M. E. Ribber, who has been visiting with friends at points in southern Oregon, returned to Roseburg this afternoon.

Mrs. L. O. Maddux, of Green, spent today in Roseburg shopping and visiting with friends. Mrs. Maddux just recently returned from an extended trip in the south.

Mrs. E. D. Green, who has been visiting here at the Art Green residence, left this afternoon for her home in Portland.

Attorney Carl Wimberly acting for the estate of the late James C. Young, today filed a petition in the probate court asking for the appointment of R. B. Clarke of Millwood as administrator of the estate of James C. Young, deceased. E. H. Stearns and George Hall are named as appraisers of the estate which is valued at \$125,000.

SEN. CHAMBERLAIN HERE.

Senator George E. Chamberlain arrived in Roseburg late this afternoon from the north. The senator is making the trip overland in a "flier" which he states can be depended upon to get there. No announcement was made by him as to whether he would remain here for any length of time, but his friends will no doubt prevail upon him to make an address in this city. He is planning on covering the entire state on his tour in the interest of his candidacy for re-election.

EFFORT IS MADE TO BRING HARMONY

Representatives of Mexican
Provisional Gov. Close Con-
ference in Mexicali.

WIRE TO LEADERS

First Step Taken Indicates That An
Armed Conflict Will be Avoided
Representatives Enroute to
Los Angeles Today.

By Associated Press.

MEXICALI, Lower California, Aug. 3.—General Angel Flores and Senor Juan Pratt, representatives of the De La Huerta provisional government, early today were enroute to Los Angeles where they expected to telegraph Mexico City the results of the conference held here with Governor Cantu of Lower California. An effort was made in the conference to compose the differences which caused Cantu to break off relations with the federal government. The conference was the first step taken which indicated that an armed conflict might be avoided and the fact that negotiations were actually held caused friends of both parties to hope that there would be a peaceful settlement.

Soviet Is Formed.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—A provisional soviet has been formed in parts of Poland which have been occupied by the soviet troops, according to a Moscow wireless dispatch. Julian Mankovsky is chairman of the newly formed body, the dispatch added.

Armistice Negotiations Delayed.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Negotiations for an armistice between Poland and soviet Russia have been delayed, according to a Moscow wireless dispatch. The message says the Polish delegation left Paronovitch for Warsaw Monday to present to its government the soviet demand that the Polish delegates be given mandates for signing not only an armistice, but also a protocol setting forth the fundamental conditions of peace.

Will Follow Arrangements.

TOKIO, Aug. 3.—No indication that Japan will refrain from carrying out the military arrangements made for dealing with Siberia are apparent. The government some time ago outlined the policy she intended to follow, and it is understood that a note to Washington will point out that the occupation of the Sarghala district, if it takes place, will only be temporary.

Governorship Is Vacant.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 3.—A proclamation pronouncing vacant the governorship of the northern district of Lower California was received today from Mexico City, according to an announcement today by Eduardo Ruiz, representative in Los Angeles of the de facto Mexican government.

F. D. Roosevelt Coming.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—A complete itinerary of a western speaking tour of Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic vice-presidential candidate, beginning in Chicago August 11th and ending in Indianapolis August 31st, was announced today. The tour will be made in a special car. Speeches will be made at St. Paul, August 19th, Seattle and Tacoma, August 20th, Portland, August 21st and from that point he will continue south to San Francisco.

Airplane Cracks Up.

OMAHA, Aug. 3.—Plane number 3 of the fleet applying a mail route to San Francisco was wrecked when it left Omaha this morning. Pilot Captain H. Hartney, Eddie Rickenbacker and two other passengers were uninjured. They received only a severe shake-up. The other two planes left for the west.

Dempsey Will Fight.

BENTON HARBOR, Aug. 3.—Jack Dempsey has signed articles for a fight here on Labor Day with Billy Miske of St. Paul, according to an announcement today.

Great Fortress Falls.

WARSAW, Aug. 3.—Brest-Litovsk, the last great fortress guarding Warsaw from the east, has apparently fallen into the hands of the bolsheviks. The Poles are fighting the soviets on a 120-mile front.

Cattle Market Lower.

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—The cattle market is lower today. Good choice steers are selling at \$5.50 to \$10. The hog market is steady. Eggs are steady with no change.

Wheat Makes Advance.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Wheat made a steep advance in price today as the result of increased speculative buying, stimulated by European interest. December wheat opened at \$2.17 and closed at \$2.29. March opened at \$2.23 and closed at \$2.32 1/2.

Hearings Resumed Today.

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—Hearings of the Japanese immigration question were resumed today by the house sub-committee, with a number of Seattle labor leaders called as the first witnesses. It is expected that the hearings will close this afternoon. Practically every phase of the

question has been covered since the investigation began, Chairman Johnson announced. He said that only minor matters remained to be cleared up. Tomorrow the investigators plan to return to Tacoma and then go to eastern Washington.

Mrs. R. C. Hill, of Wilbur, spent today in Roseburg, returning home on the afternoon train. Mrs. Hill's son, Alfred, who is a student at the Oregon Agricultural college, and who is at present taking a six weeks course at Camp Hollabird, Maryland, recently won high honors in a national college meet held there. Mr. Hill is taking a course of instruction offered by the government in automobile construction. He is in his third year at the Agricultural college.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tidball and two children, of Portland, were in the city today enroute to San Francisco. Mr. Tidball some years ago made this territory for the Blake, McFall Paper company, but is now representing the General Paper company. He visited here for several hours with old-time friends.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM FORMER PRINCIPAL HERE.

Attorney Charles F. Hopkins is in receipt of a long letter from R. G. Hall, former principal of the Rose school in this city, and now superintendent of public schools in Cuthbert, Georgia. Supt. Hall is an enthusiastic member of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Roseburg, and is keeping up his membership here. He stated that his family were all well and send kindest regards to all Roseburg friends. Mr. Hall expressed his views concerning the recent national conventions and said that at the present time the south really has two parties, although they call themselves democrats. One is progressive and the other reactionary.

W.C.T.U. HAVE A FINE CONVENTION

Excellent Program Given For
Delegates Assembled at
Gardiner Meeting.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Mrs. Elythe Kelly Elected County
President. — Reports Are Read
and the Organization found
to Be Flourishing.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held in Gardiner on July 29-30, 1920, has passed into history as one of the most successful ever held in Douglas county.

Wind, waves and weather were of delegates was present and Mrs. Lottie Hanson of Newberg addressed the convention in her happiest vein. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: County president, Mrs. Elythe Kelly; Ida County vice-president, Mrs. Ida Marsters, both of Roseburg; Recording secretary, Mrs. Reta Jewett, Gardiner; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Paul Nygren, Roseburg; Treasurer, Mrs. Reta Edmunds, Gardiner.

Reports from the various unions were read and found to be in good working order.

The Thanks Offering for the two days amounted to \$50.75.

Gardiner union furnished the music both vocal and instrumental. Readings were given by Mrs. Buswell of Roseburg and Mrs. Assenheimer and Mrs. Reta Edmunds of Gardiner. In the evening preceding the convention, Mrs. Mary Jewett at her beautiful home gave a reception for the union, and the visiting delegates, ice cream and cake were served.

At four o'clock on Friday afternoon, a launch ride was tendered to the visiting delegates, which was much enjoyed.

One pleasant feature of the convention was the reminiscences of the past twenty-five years, given by Mrs. Mary Jewett and Mrs. Ida Marsters.

Mrs. Christy of the Gardiner union was elected county delegate to the state convention, to be held at Portland, Oregon, in September.

The following subjects are to be enlarged upon: Evangelistic work, Mrs. Ida Marsters; Flower Mission, Mrs. Reta Jewett; Temperance instruction, Mrs. James Ford; Anti-Narcotics, Mrs. Helen Riddle; Moral Education, Mothers Meeting, Child Welfare, Mrs. Tutbill; Sunday School, Miss Jennie Cook; Law Enforcement, Mrs. Shoney; Moral Contest Work, Mrs. Olive Betts.

A very interesting subject treated in a most interesting manner was given by the president, Mrs. Tutbill, "The subject being: 'Are You A Good Mother?'" She spoke of the Condition of a Child.

The next convention to be held at Roseburg, Oregon, next June. MRS. BANKER, Sutherlin. MRS. EDITH ZABRISKIE.

SIDEWALK MATTERS PUZZLE COUNCIL

Other Cities are Having Equal
Trouble In Making Grades
For Concrete Walks.

TIME LIMIT EXTENDED

Property Owners With Reasonable
Excuse For Failure to Construct
Sidewalks Are Given Ad-
ditional Time.

The matter of the establishment of suitable sidewalk grades is still puzzling the city council. The recorder recently wrote to several cities to learn how it is being handled in other places and finds that it is a problem throughout the state. At Grants Pass the council has not yet been required to solve the matter. Albany has established grades all over the city. At the request of the property owners the city engineer sets the stakes with a suitable grade. In the event of a change when the street is paved the city is forced to stand the expense of the change. Modford establishes sidewalk grades without cost and is forced to stand the expense of a change. This is the proposition before the council and a proper solution is still out of sight.

Sidewalks generally came up for discussion last night. H. Marks and Dr. Haynes appeared before the council and requested an extension of time in putting in the walks on Rose street opposite the high school. It would be necessary, they stated, to make very extensive excavations which at this time cost an almost prohibitive sum. Mr. Marks stated that an excavation would endanger the building now being used by the Roseburg Welding and Brazing works, and asked that he be granted further time, as he expects to remove the building as soon as the occupants are able to find a better location. The request in both cases was granted. Bruce Bridges had also presented a petition to Councilman Powell regarding his lots on North Third street. The lots are unimproved and have already cost him a large sum for paving. If forced to put in a sidewalk at the present time and at the present high prices for labor and materials, he stated it would cost him more than the lots are worth. His request for an extension of time was granted.

The A. Rupert company requested permission to leave out the curb on the east side of Spruce street in order to build the pavement up to their building, and as the consent of the abutting property owners and contractor had been given, the request was granted. A similar request was made by the Oregon Growers, but was held on the table pending the filing of a written petition bearing the consent of the adjoining property owners and the contractor.

Claude Cannon called the attention of the council to a bad hole in the pavement at the intersection of Mill, Sheridan and Mosier streets and was assured that the street department will make repairs at once.

A petition filed by the people of South Mill street asking for the installation of a hydrant and electric light was referred to the committee on fire and water and electric lights.

An ordinance granting the A. Rupert company permission to install a spur track at its plant was read the first and second times. Because of the lack of a suitable number to pass an emergency ordinance regarding the aviation bonds, it was held over until next meeting. An emergency ordinance changing the location of the sidewalks at the north approach to the Deer creek bridge was placed on first and second readings.

The usual monthly bills were allowed and reported read. A motorbus license was granted J. J. Betts, with \$3. M. Kelley as surety.

Many Forest Fires Are Extinguished

Although over 25 fires have been raised during the year to the Douglas fire patrol, practically all of them have been extinguished on the day on which they were reported, according to H. O. Fargeter. The fire patrol has been very helpful in quickly reporting fires and with daily reports coming in, extra men have been rushed to the scene of blazes in haste and have put them out without trouble. The forests have been damp and have not burned as rapidly as in other more dry years. However, a large force of men is being kept in the forest and can reach almost any spot within a few hours.

Mrs. B. W. Bates and son, Ross, left this afternoon for Newport where they will spend the month of August.