

MAY REORGANIZE 'SICK' DISTRICTS

Recommendation for Irrigation Relief Made to Legislature

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15. (AP)—Recommendation for the reorganization of the "sick" irrigation districts and for changes that would empower the state engineer and the securities commission to exercise a more effective supervision over reclamation projects are contained in a report to the legislature, made by Rhea Luper, state engineer. Any plan of reorganization he says, must be acceptable to both bondholders and settlers, but the state must not be called upon to assume the liabilities of irrigation districts. Like the Oregon irrigation congress, Luper recommends creation of an irrigation department to assist in the colonization of all projects.

"There are 44 active districts in the state," says Luper, "of which 29 have issued bonds which have been certified by the secretary of state. Of these probably 12 are in a sound condition and able to work out their own problems. Nine with bond issues totaling \$1,711,000 could be worked out without loss to the creditors if taken over by some strong financial agency with a guarantee to the settlers that they would be protected against the payment of more than their proportionate share of the cost of the indebtedness. Of these districts eight are probably insolvent, and will require financial reorganization involving loss to creditors."

PARDON GIVEN

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15. (AP)—The first executive clemency to be granted by Governor Patterson was today accorded L. R. Arquette, who was sentenced to serve 20 days in the Marion county jail and pay a fine of \$50 for misuse of automobile license plates. A conditional pardon was granted, one of the conditions being that he pay the fine by July 1. Arquette has served half his jail sentence. The conditional pardon was asked by District Attorney John H. Carson, Justice of the Peace Brazier C. Small and Chief State Traffic Inspector T. A. Hat-



Isabel Withers, "the irresistible" star of "Rain." Somerset Maugham's international sensation coming to the Arquette theater for one night Monday, Jan. 17 with the same cast as seen in the larger cities.

COMING IN "RAIN"

Eugene Entertains 500 High Students

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 15. (AP)—Five hundred representatives of 35,000 high school students of the state, meeting here in annual conference, have before their meeting today the election of officers. The Girls League association elected yesterday, naming Ethel Elliott, of Medford, as president and Harriet Klumit, of Franklin high, Portland as secretary.

Editors and managers, student body officers and faculty advisors are also in session.

Special speakers and round table discussions feature the business session. A banquet was held last evening.

To the destruction of the city of London by fire in 1666 may be traced the present system of fire insurance. The first fire insurance company was formed at that time.

HEALTH

READING DIFFICULTIES IN OTHERWISE NORMAL CHILDREN—I

By E. Rosworth, McCready, M. D., F. A. C. P., Pittsburgh

Member Gorgas Memorial Inst. Johnny Doe dislikes school, hates his teacher, and avoids a book as though it were a cake of soap. His teacher says he either won't learn or can't learn. His mother is in despair. She is not only pained and grieved but surprised as well.

Johnny was always considered to be rather a bright boy, happy in disposition, with an excellent memory for people, places, and events, and for nursery jingles and bits of verse from Robert Louis Stevenson and Eugene Field. He has always been quick, a leader among the boys with whom he plays.

She remembers how eagerly he went, those first days in school, how quickly he seemed to learn.

Yes, how quickly he seems to learn some things now. He knows more about the insides of the automobile than his father, and it is he who superintends any minor repairs when they are out on the road.

He knows all about the radio set, too. In fact he has a very serviceable set he built himself with one. He is quick at figures too as far as adding, subtracting, and multiplying are concerned, but now that he has the long involved problems in the book he rails at.

What can be the trouble? A visit to the teacher mystifies her still further. She says that Johnny cannot read, sometimes he fails on even the simplest words that at those infrequent times when he does get through a sentence or paragraph it is one which he has heard someone else read.

At spelling, too, he is a failure, though from memory he can spell many words he cannot read. John-

ny's father is inclined to treat the matter lightly, saying that he himself had great difficulty in learning to read, as did other members of his family, but in spite of that, he is considered to have attained great success in his chosen profession. He, too, however, becomes alarmed as conditions go from bad to worse.

The boy has become indifferent. He no longer attempts to master any of his lessons. He accepts with outward complacency his teacher's scoldings and the decision of his fellow-pupils. He has ceased to take an interest in the activities of boys of his own age, but obtrudes himself into the games of the younger children, dominating them by his superior size and strength and not hesitating to knock them about if they do not give instant obedience.

He has become fond of teasing and takes a malicious joy in the discomfort of his victims. He is boastful and holds the younger children in awe of his accomplish-

ments of the past and his plans for the future.

MAN NEAR DEATH

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 15. (AP)—Believed to be dying from a bullet fired by C. D. Pilling, chief of police, an unidentified man on whose person were found bloodstained cheeks from Oregon and California banks, lay in a hospital here today.

The shooting occurred in the business district last night when the man fled as Pilling attempted to arrest him. After being shot the man ran two blocks, but fell unconscious when captured. A physician said his condition was serious. The bullet entered the back and emerged through the groin.

Several checks, already cashed out, were found on the man, police said.

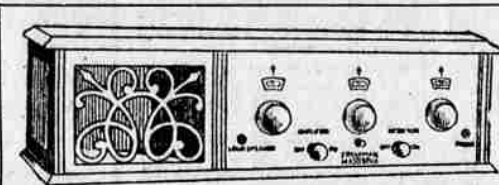
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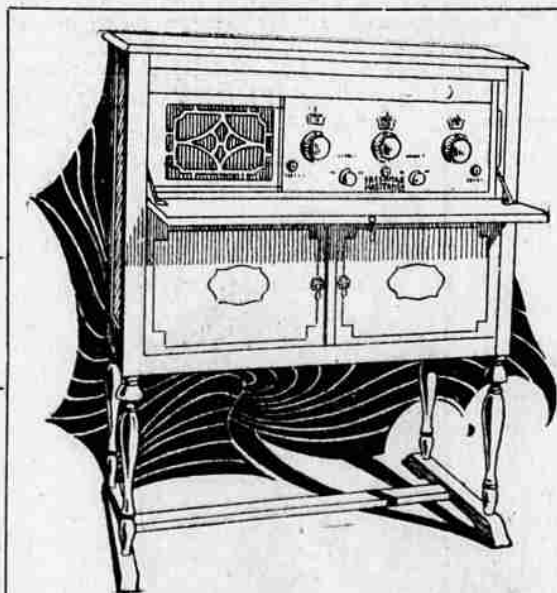


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BILL SHELVED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15. (AP)—A drastic anti-pollution bill which was to have been presented to the legislature by the Anti-Stream Pollution League, was shelved by the executive committee of the league at a conference yesterday after it was pointed out by Mayor George L. Baker that it would cost Portland alone at least \$25,000,000 to comply with the terms of the bill.

The bill provided that all cities, persons, firms or corporations now dumping sewage into the streams of the state must install adequate sewage disposal plants by 1929.

Instead of the bill, a substitute was proposed asking for funds for a study of the pollution question by a committee appointed by the governor.

GERMANY RETAINS SMALL MODEL CAR

Automobile production in Germany is still greatly limited to the small models due to the tax placed on horsepower. One of the small cars, which is usually taxed about \$10 in America, is taxed \$125 in Germany.

Diogenes went about all his life with a lantern looking for an honest man. Probably he never hung his lantern on a restaurant counter.

Men are born to cook, according to a Kansas authoress. Maybe that's why the women are so good at it.



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