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TRACY PROPERTY ON FOURTH SOLD TO PAPER MILL

COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE VACATING FOURTH STREET BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PLANS ARE NOT COMPLETED AND DETAILS NOT YET MADE PUBLIC

With Two New Units in Operation, Big Mill Will Employ 800 Men, Making Total of 1700 Workers in One Industry Here.

It became known Wednesday night that the Hawley Pulp & Paper company will begin soon the construction of a second additional unit to its mill here, when the company, through C. D. & D. C. Latourrette, its attorneys, appeared before the council and asked for the vacation of Fourth street from Main to the Southern Pacific tracks. The council unanimously passed on first reading the ordinance vacating the street.

The paper company Wednesday acquired the half block bounded by Main, the Southern Pacific, Fourth and an alley from James Tracy for \$49,900. The new building will extend from Third to the alley between Fourth and Fifth streets, a distance of almost 400 feet, on Main.

Plans Not Completed.
Willard P. Hawley Jr., assistant to his father, who is president and general manager of the company, said Wednesday night that plans for the new unit to the plant have not been completed, and that an announcement of the equipment and size of the buildings could not be made for several days.

The new mill, however, will probably contain another large paper machine and other necessary equipment, such as beaters and finishing equipment. Re-inforced concrete will probably be used in its construction.

The company now is completing a \$1,000,000 addition to its plant, two big buildings, one along Main street and the other on the island near Mill A. The new mill, which will be in operation next month, will have a \$125,000 paper machine, having the largest drying capacity of any paper machine on the Pacific coast.

1000 Employees Ultimate Aim.
W. P. Hawley Sr., announced several months ago that he intended to build ultimately a mill which would employ 2000 men, and would rank with the largest in the country. He then made known his intention to construct this second additional unit, but in August he was forced to postpone his plans until the first additional unit, now nearing completion, was in operation, owing to the press of details in its construction.

At that time, however, he acquired an option on the Tracy property for two years, and said that he would begin construction probably in 1917. Two hundred more men will be employed in the plant which will be completed next month, and this second additional unit will probably add another 200 men to the payroll, bringing the total number of hands in the company's mills up to 800, and the number of men employed in the paper industry at the falls of the Willamette to 1700.

Council Offers Aid.
The council expressed its desire to do anything to aid in the upbuilding of industries here, and Councilmen Templeton, Metzner and Cox were appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Hawley to let him know the city's position in the matter.

A large part of the property on which the new mill will stand now is vacant, but a dozen buildings must be torn down or moved to make room for it. The freight shed of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, standing on the corner of Third and Main streets, is probably the largest structure on the property. The company has expressed its willingness to move its freight shed to make room for the addition to the plant.

A two story concrete garage on Fourth and Main streets also will be torn down. The old armory on Main between Third and Fourth, used now as a store house by the paper company, stands on the site as well as several dwellings. The company has begun negotiations with the city to buy the site of the Cataract firehouse on Main street near Third for \$1500. The council is willing to sell the property to Mr. Hawley.

Many Improvements Announced.
This is the second important announcement of plans for the expansion of Oregon City industries within the last three days. Monday the Oregon City woolen mills announced improvement which would add 50 per cent to the capacity of the plant and make it the largest plant of its kind west of the Mississippi.

These announcements are regarded with particular significance here, showing the rapidly increasing importance of Oregon City as an industrial town.

WHILE THEY LAST, 5c.
The Anniversary Edition of The Enterprise can be obtained at this office during the next few days for 5 cents each. Better get in early for they won't last long.

TONI CERBONI IS STAR IN CONCERT IN COUNTY JAIL'S GRIM SOLITUDE

CROWD OF OFFICIALS AND CATHOLIC PRIEST HEAR CONFESSED SLAYER PLAY.

In the grim whitewashed walls of the county jail in the basement of the court house there was a concert late Thursday night. Toni Cerboni, confessed murderer, was the star; the audience was composed of a Catholic priest, the sheriff, the constable, a policeman, a newspaperman and two passers-by—and the program, it was a brief selection of two of pleasant music from far-off Italy.

Fred Haines and Gerald Warner, in passing the courthouse heard cries which they interpreted to be "Police." Officer Cooke was summoned, but the man was crying for a priest. Rev. John Bernards, who is acting as pastor of St. Johns Catholic church in the absence of Rev. A. Hillebrand, was called and with Sheriff Wilson and Constable Frost the party went into the county jail to comfort Cerboni.

The Italian is the only inmate of the jail and his loneliness had the best of him. Words intended to comfort him, brought little comfort until Sheriff Wilson went to his office and returned with Cerboni's mandolin.

The mandolin of the county jail was soon forgotten, once Cerboni laid his hands on his beloved instrument, and he played the melodies of his native land while his small but varied crowd stood amazed at his ability.

Cerboni is not alone today. He has his mandolin, which Sheriff Wilson thinks will lead him to forget his troubles.

LEWISTON MAN IS SLAIN IN STORE BY A BOY OF 17

YOUTH NURSING GRUDGE KILLS LESTER GIFFORD, HIS FORMER EMPLOYER.

SHOOTING OCCURS AS OFFICER ARRIVES TO RESCUE RANCHER

Laborer Demands Pay for Injuries Received While at Work and Presses Revolver to Victim as He Writes.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 15.—Jawel Freng, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Freng, of Lewiston, tonight shot and killed his former employer, Lester Gifford, who had extensive land interests east of this city and was well known throughout this entire district.

Freng was an employe for three weeks last summer on Mr. Gifford's ranch, at which time, he says, he was required to drive a defective header-box, and as a result of which a serious accident occurred which necessitated his being confined in the White hospital at Lewiston for a month.

Before going to the hospital he purchased a .38-caliber revolver, which he constantly carried after leaving the hospital, and told Mr. Gifford if he did not pay him some money he would shoot him. Tonight he met Mr. Gifford and his brother on Main street and Park avenue and put the muzzle of the revolver against Mr. Gifford's body, telling him he would either pay him \$130 or would suffer the consequences.

Mr. Gifford pleaded he did not have that amount of money with him, so Freng forced him into the Idanha Pharmacy, where Mr. Gifford wrote a check in Freng's favor for \$130. Mr. Gifford said he was signing the check under protest and would stop payment on it. He told his brother to go out and get a policeman.

As Patrolman Eugene Gasser entered the door, Freng whipped out his revolver and shot. Patrolman Gasser leaped upon Freng, who fired three more shots, the bullets going wild.

Lester Gifford was 23 years of age. He leaves a widow with a one-month-old baby girl; also a mother, father, two brothers and three sisters, all of whom live here except Mrs. Frank Shaw, who is in California.

ACTION IS BROUGHT TO FORECLOSE \$10,000 NOTE

The United States National bank of Portland Saturday filed a suit in the Clackamas county circuit court to foreclose on a \$10,000 mortgage against C. E. and Alice C. Fields. Warren E. Thomas, who acts as a trustee, is also a plaintiff in the action. An entire section of Clackamas county land is involved. Arthur P. Tift filed the suit for the bank.

2 GIRLS, 11 AND 13, RUN AWAY TO MAKE MILLIONS

ADELA MASON AND JUANITA MARTIN WALK ALMOST ALL THE WAY TO PORTLAND.

MUSIC LESSONS DISTASTEFUL TO ELDER OF TWO YOUNG TRAVELLERS

Threats of Punishment in Jail Do Not Disturb Girls, Who Had Visions of Making Wealth Immediately and Seeing the World.

Why stay home and take music lessons which you dislike, when the world beckons and offers you millions? Why live in Oregon City when fame lurks around the corner and wealth is easily made?

Adella Mason, aged 13 years, saw no reason for staying at home, and with Juanita Martin, 11, the two set out to see the world and all its wonders and make a fortune Friday afternoon. They were brought back from Portland Friday night—without wealth or fame.

Both girls attended the Eastham school and are in the sixth grade. For days they talked over the matter, taking a few other girls into their confidence. Friday noon, instead of going back to school, they started for Portland. They reached the Oaks when they decided to ride the rest of the way, even though they had no money. A kindhearted woman paid their fare the rest of the way into city.

But Portland did not have a brass band to greet them. They found that the streets were not paved with dollars, and a healthy appetite, developed by their long walk, began to bother them. Perhaps those millions, which the Mason girl said she was confident of earning before they left Oregon City, were not so easily secured. They decided that they wanted to come back to Oregon City, but they were without money, and it was dark. They could not walk back home.

One of the girls had an inspiration. They would hire an automobile and have their parents pay the bill when they reached Oregon City. But, strangely, none of the automobile drivers with the big fire signs displayed on their cars, would undertake the trip on that condition.

The two then went to the police headquarters, they say, and surrendered themselves. The father of one of the girls brought them to Oregon City. Juvenile Officer Frost spent Friday afternoon on the case and he sternly warned them that another such adventure would mean their commitment to the state training school for girls. Threats of jail did not disturb them even though the fathers of the girls added to Juvenile Officer Frost's remarks. The girls were allowed to return to their home with their fathers.

Adella Mason is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mason, of 121 Molalla avenue, and Juanita Martin the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin, who lives near the Eastham school.

WIFE WANTED PAY FOR DOING HOUSEWORK, SAYS HUSBY IN DIVORCE SUIT

DIFFERENT THEORIES OF MARRIED LIFE LEAD TO ACTION—CHARGES DESERTION.

Benjamin F. Weddle believes that his wife should also be his housekeeper, and that he should feed and clothe her and receive in return her services as cook and chambermaid.

His wife, however, has a different theory. She thinks that a wife should receive pay for all housework performed, and so informed her husband, according to a divorce suit filed by him in the Clackamas county circuit court Thursday. She demanded that she receive wages as housekeeper. He refused, and she left, he maintains.

The Weddles were married December 22, 1909, in Oregon City. He also charges that his wife has a temper which made living with her unbearable, and that she called him names.

Sidna Davis charges desertion against Frank Davis in a divorce suit filed Thursday. They were married November 23, 1912, in Billings, Mont. Brownell & Slevens appear as attorneys for the plaintiff in both divorce actions.

BOSTON DRYERS LOSE

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Boston went "license" yesterday by the surprising majority of 23,000 in a total vote of 84,000. There were 2000 fewer "no" votes than in 1915. The majority was one of the greatest in Boston's history. The high water mark was reached in 1905 with a majority of 28,613. The next highest majority for license was in 1910, when the Fitzgerald-Storrow majority contest attracted the highest percentage of the registered poll in the history of the city. The majority for license this year was 27,122.

LIVE WIRES DISCUSS COUNTY DIVISION IS PROPOSED BY OSWEGO

BLIND MERCHANT, B. F. COOPER, APPEARS BEFORE BODY AT WEEKLY LUNCHEON.

The Live Wires of the Commercial club heard the negative side of the Oswego annexation to Multnomah county plan expounded by an Oswego merchant, B. F. Cooper, at the weekly luncheon Tuesday noon. Mr. Cooper is blind.

The Oregon Iron & Steel company, owner of vast tracts of property through the Oswego district, is back of the plan and only for selfish reasons, declared Mr. Cooper. He opposed a shifting of the county boundaries to the north.

State Senator Walter A. Dimick told the Live Wires that if Clackamas county wanted to keep the Oswego territory, something should be done at once. That neighborhood had been neglected, he said, and demanded immediate attention, from the county court, particularly in the matter of roads.

B. T. McEain, chairman of a committee the purpose of which is to urge the construction of a federal building here, reported that he had written to every member of the Oregon delegation in congress and that each one had promised his support.

Harvey E. Cross, chairman of a committee appointed to consider the entertainment of the county's road supervisors in February, said that plans were being formed to entertain the supervisors one or two days.

TOWNS ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST ARE SNOWBOUND

TRANSPORTATION IN NEW YORK CITY HAMPERED; LABOR IS DIFFICULT TO SECURE.

TWO DIE IN CHICAGO BEFORE BLIZZARD WEATHER MODERATES

College Students in New York Put to Work at Street Cleaning, and Cost of Work to City is Estimated at \$500,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Rising temperature, a gentle snowfall and the abatement of high winds took off considerable of the ragged edge of winter in Chicago and its territory today. Meanwhile, however, the tempest had moved on to the Atlantic seaboard, driving before it a foot of snow that is causing some discomfort in eastern cities, chiefly New York, and transportation is said to be badly hampered there by the snow, and unusual trouble is being experienced in securing laborers to clean the streets.

All the available college students were called into service last night and today, but even with this active and enthusiastic addition to the force the city was not cleared of the heavy snow. It is estimated it will cost the city \$500,000 to clean the streets.

In Chicago there was not enough snow to cause any disturbance in traffic or transportation schedules. Some incoming trains were late, due to battling with snow banks east and west, to broken rails and other incidentals of a high storm.

The storm, while sudden and severe, did not leave the usual list of deaths. One two fatalities were recorded in this city. One night watchman, benumbed and blinded by the cold and snow, sought refuge in a lumber office and was burned to death. The other, an aged woman, known only by her first name, was found in a basement frozen to death. She was a ragpicker and had not been missed. Firemen called to subdue a small blaze in the building, stumbled over her frozen corpse in the dark basement.

The first and really formal entry of winter extended over a wire area. Chilly blasts swept as far south as Dallas, Tex., where a mark of 20 degrees above zero, the coldest in two years, was recorded.

DEFENDANT WINS IN SUIT OF MORELANDS CLARK

Circuit Judge Campbell decided for the defendant Wednesday in the suit of A. L. Moreland et al against I. L. Clark. Thirty-six acres of land near Milwaukie and a 50-acre tract near Sunnyside and a \$2000 mortgage were involved in the action, which grew out of a complicated series of real estate transfers and mortgages. H. E. Cross, of Oregon City, and Olson & Wheelon, of Portland, appeared for the plaintiff and Dimick & Dimick for the defendant.

GIRL KILLS SELF AND YOUTH IN A HOTEL IN SALEM

CHUM OF SLAYER IS WITNESS OF TRAGEDY ENACTED IN GIRL'S ROOM.

T. M. CUMMINGS IS VICTIM OF MYRTLE WHITE OF PORTLAND

Dead Man Was Clerk in Marion Hotel in Capital City—Farewell Note is Found, Explaining Motive of Act.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—Unrequited love seems to be the only motive to explain a double tragedy at the Marion hotel in this city today, when Myrtle White, 16-year-old Portland girl, shot and killed Thomas W. Cummings, night clerk at the hotel, and then fatally shot herself. Both are believed to have died instantly. The shooting took place at 12:45 p. m.

Miss White came to Salem yesterday on the Oregon Electric. She met Miss Lillian Kightlinger, a 17-year-old girl of this city, in the afternoon, and made arrangements to attend a theater that night, according to the story told by Miss Kightlinger. After the theater the two girls went to the Marion hotel, where they procured a room and stayed during the night.

Shortly after noon today, Miss Kightlinger said, she arose and went into the bathroom, leaving Miss White in bed. While in the bath she heard a knock on the door of the room, which was on an upper floor of the hotel. She heard the door open and some subdued talking. A few minutes later she says she heard scuffling.

"After the scuffling continued for a time I heard a shot," said Miss Kightlinger. "Following the shot there was silence, and then another shot was fired. Then came a third shot. I was so startled with the first shots I was unable to move. After the third shot I went into the room.

"Mr. Cummings was lying on the floor. Myrtle was standing in the middle of the room. At first I thought she was attempting to reload the revolver, but I saw, instead, she was trying to shoot herself.

"He didn't treat me right," Myrtle said as I stepped into the room. "I was so excited I ran out into the hall to find a helioboy. When I found one and we started back for the room we heard another shot. When we reached the door of the room it was locked."

A note, written apparently hastily, but in a firm hand, was found by Chief of Police Welsh. It said: "We've had our time. There could never be another like it. There must never be another less perfect, and so—good-bye. If we have erred our lives pay."

WILL BAXTER, 16 YEARS OLD RUNAWAY, CAUGHT IN MARYSVILLE, CAL.

YOUTH COVERS MUCH GROUND IN WEEK—JACK FROST GETS WIRE FROM POLICE.

Juvenile Officer Jack Frost received a wire from the Marysville, Cal., police that Will Baxter, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baxter, who ran away a week ago had been caught and was held in jail there until word was received from local authorities. The boy's father will leave today for Marysville for his son.

Young Baxter, riding freight trains, reached Marysville in one week. He was a member of a party of four local boys who left town together for the south.

Juvenile Officer Frost found a trace of them when one of the youths wrote his father here that he would be in Oakland a certain day this week and that they would meet a member of the party who had gone on ahead at Marysville Friday. Juvenile Officer Frost wired a description of Baxter to the police in Marysville and a few hours later the boy was in jail.

THREE MARRIAGE LICENSES

County Clerk Iva Harrington Saturday issued marriage licenses to Grace M. Irwin and Carl Leven, 344 Salmon street, Portland; Florence Rosenstein and W. E. Priest, Jefferson apartments, Portland, and Della B. Scott and David R. Armstrong, of Hubbard, route No. 2. Miss Scott is only 16 years old and her husband-to-be, 20.

DIVORCE DECREE SIGNED

Circuit Judge Campbell Friday signed a decree divorcing Catherina Fisher from William F. Fisher.

AGED MAN ACCUSES OWN ATTORNEY; SUIT AGAINST HIS SON IS DISMISSED

FRITZ TIMMERMAN DECLARES MILO C. KING BROUGHT ACTION WITHOUT CONSENT.

Fritz Timmerman, aged and feeble, an inmate of the Patton Home in Portland, denounced his own attorney, Milo C. King, of Gresham, from the witness stand in the circuit court Friday soon after the trial of the old man's case against his son, Carl, his daughter-in-law, Harriet, and C. Schuebel, as trustee, opened. Judge Campbell dismissed the action soon after the old man made his sensational statements.

The aged plaintiff said that the suit was brought without his consent and that he did not want it prosecuted. He charged King with attempting to defraud him and his son, Carl, of their \$5000 farm near Boring.

The complaint charged that Carl Timmerman, through misrepresenting the case to his aged father, who cannot read English, induced him to sign a deed to the property at Boring. The old man claimed that he deeded the valuable farm to the son on the condition that he be provided for the remainder of his life and that his other son, Julius, be given a share of the estate. The old man holds a life lease on the property and Julius was given a \$2500 mortgage, due six months after the old man's death, and 20 acres of land, which he sold for \$2000.

C. Schuebel, as trustee for the holders of a mortgage against the land, was named defendant. He also represented the other defendants as attorney. Mr. Schuebel believes that the case was brought at the instance of Julius Timmerman, who is seeking a larger share of his father's property.

RUSSIANS REJECT GERMANY'S OFFER TO END THE WAR

DUMA AT PETROGRAD WASTES NO TIME IN TURNING DOWN PROPOSITION.

WASHINGTON ANNOUNCES IT WILL NOT MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Notes Will Be Transmitted to Entente Without Comment—Long Cabinet Meeting Held to Debate the Situation.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Petrograd says:

"The Duma has unanimously passed a resolution against the acceptance of the German peace proposals, after a spirited speech by the Minister of foreign affairs."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson has decided that the notes of the central powers proposing a discussion of peace to the entente allies would be sent forward by the American government acting as intermediary without an accompanying mediation offer of its own. He has not determined whether any action in behalf of peace will be taken later by the United States on its own account, but is holding himself in readiness to serve in any way possible toward bringing the warring nations together.

Since the first note arrived, the one from Germany, the president and his closest advisers have been absorbed in study of the situation created.

The fact that the cabinet meeting today lasted more than three hours and was the most prolonged of the year, attracted profound attention in official circles and led to all sorts of speculation.

This entente change in the arrangement of the mill will be made principally because it will mean a saving in handling.

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Payroll Greatly Increased.
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PLANT IS TO BE BIGGEST OF KIND IN ENTIRE WEST

OUTPUT WILL BE INCREASED 50 PER CENT; 150 MORE PERSONS EMPLOYED.

FACTORY WILL BE ONE OF BEST AND MOST COMPLETE IN NATION

Cafeteria, in Which Food Will Be Served for Actual Cost, and Other Conveniences for Employes Feature New Building.

Announcement of plans for the construction of a three-story, 80 by 250 feet, reinforced concrete addition to the plant of the Oregon City Manufacturing company and the complete re-arrangement of the plant, improvements which will increase the capacity of the mill 50 per cent and make it the largest woolen mill west of the Mississippi river, was made Saturday by Adolph R. Jacobs, president of the company. Construction will be started in the near future, said Mr. Jacobs.

The new three-story concrete addition will extend along the south side of Third street toward the river from the present three-story brick building which fronts along Main. The top floor will be occupied by the company's enlarged garment factory, the second floor by the weave room, with 150 of the most modern type of looms, and the ground floor will be used for a machine room, storage and a cafeteria and kitchens.

The building will have 60,000 square feet of floor space, an equal to one and a half Portland city blocks.

Much Light and Fresh Air.
One of the features of the new structure will be its lighting. The roof will be of the monitor type, with five-foot windows. On three sides of the building from one end to the other and from the floor to the roof of each story will be large glass windows, admitting a flood of light.

Ventilation, too, has received close attention from Mr. Jacobs in preparing the plans for the building, and each floor will be supplied with fresh air by use of a fan system.

On the first floor of the new building will be a modern cafeteria, in which the mill will serve food to its employes at cost. Kitchens will adjoin the cafeteria.

The construction of this new building, however, is only a part of the plans. Practically every machine in the entire plant will be moved, all old machines will be scrapped or sold and only the latest types of machinery installed.

Complete Re-arrangement of Plant.
A complete re-arrangement of the plant from basement to roof, therefore is necessary. Economy of handling the products in their various stages of manufacture has entered largely into the drafting of the plans for the new mill. Wool will be unloaded from cars on one side of the track and the finished garments, blankets, rugs and other products loaded on the other.

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FEATURES OF PLAN OF EXPANSION OF OREGON CITY WOOLEN MILLS

- Size of building—Three stories, constructed of reinforced concrete.
- 80 by 250 feet, extending along Third street toward the river from present building. Building will house, on first floor, machine shop, storage rooms, cafeteria and kitchens and rest and dressing shops.
- for employes; second floor, weave room; third floor, garment factory.
- Special conveniences for employes—A modern cafeteria and sanitary kitchens will occupy space on the first floor of new building and food will be served at actual cost. Space also provided for rest and dressing rooms and modern cloak room. Plant to be well ventilated and light will pour in through windows which will extend from floor to ceiling on every story.
- Interesting figures about addition—Output of plant will be increased 50 per cent and 150 more persons employed, bringing the total number up to about 550. One hundred and fifty looms of the most modern type will be installed, and the weave room will rank with the best in the nation. Many more sewing machines will be installed and throughout the new factory each machine will be driven by an individual motor, operated by electricity generated at company's own power plant. New building will have over 60,000 square feet, equal to one and a half city blocks. Entire plant will be rearranged, departments moved and mill modernized from cellar to roof and from one end to the other.