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COMPROMISE ON CITY HALL SITE

Singer Hill Location Facing Stormy Action at Council

ARCHITECTS ARE TO

Joint Measure On Ballot Now Be Considered at Present. bell, at present presiding on the bench, the only candidate for the of-

The Singer Hill compromise site for the city hall in all probability will filings were made when the books neither be placed on the baot nor approved by the city council. Indications to this effect loomed yesterday when it was found that a number of membuilding of the hall on the bluff site near the 7th street steps, and it is Canby. more than possible that the project will meet a deadlock when it is pre- City. sented to the city fathers 'at their special session this evening.

Committee Meets The Singer Hill location was originally proposed as a compromise be tween the hill and town sections. A committee appointed at the joint meeting yesterday viewed the site. and in accordance with their instructions will make recommendations to the council this evening. Just what form these recommendations will take has not been disclosed though it is understood that a definite agree-

ment has been reached, The number of councilmen who have expressed themselves as against the Singer Hill site is not as yet sufficient to permanently block the measure even if an attempt is made to force it through but it is practically certain that the battle which would ensue over the attempt to build the city bull on the old mill site would be such that the council would not feel justified in taking action itself and would submit the proposition to per cent of his total earnings. the voters.

Ballot Is Talked

Probable action by the various committees which are interested in the 10cation of the city hall, indicates that if any measures are placed on the May ballot, the two, providing for a hill location on the Caufield property or the use of the old city hall on Main street will be the only tw considered. Any movement to recall the bonds, as a retaliatory measure, cannot be made until the November election unless a special ballot is called.

Definite action on the Singer Hill location is expected to be further delayed by the need for an expert opinion as to the possibility if using it as a building site. It is probable that an engineer and architect will be employed to investigate the proposition OREGON CITY LEADS IN from this angle.

The rosy path outlined for the compromise position will probably never be tread as a stormy session over the matter is booked to commence in the council chambers tonight,

The Singer mill site for the city hall is to be investigated and reported on by the city council. This was decided last night at a special session of the civic body

A petition which had been framed as the composite work of the representatives from the hill and the down town section was read by the recorder and discussed at some length by the council and various individuals. It asked that the council investigate

the Singer hill site and if feasible, locate the hall there. If this were found unpractical, it was suggested that the two measures, to determine whether the Caufield property on the hill or the old city hall property on Main street be used, be placed on the

Dr. H. S. Mount in a plea to have the matter viewed from an economical standpoint emphasized the fact that the suggestion to have the compromise site adopted was, made irrespective of the financial loss involved in the abandonment of the present structure, the leasing of which he pointed out would be a very difficult proceeding.

Cross Gives Opinion and stated that the real motive be-(Continued on page four.)

JAPANESE SMUGGLERS WOUNDED BY SHERIFFS

ST. HELENS, Ore., April 17 .-Caught red-handed in an attempt to Kinzer, Hubbard, Route 2; John R. up with the city council and the steamer Kaiau Maru, two Japanese son, 312 Madison street, Oregon City: fort to have changes made. Another sailors engaged in a fierce hand-to- Gertie L Everhart, Molalla; Maud M. matter that will be brought to the hand battle with three Columbia coun- Cameron, Aurora, Route 4; W. F. attention of the railroad company and ty deputy sheriffs at 9:30 o'clock this Hartnell, Milwaukie, Route 2; Nellie the public service commission is the morning. Both of the smugglers were M. Alldredge, 216 Pierce street, Ore- grade crossing between the St. Agneswounded

FILING TIME ENDS FOR PRIMARY CANDIDATES

NEARING ROCKS Al A. Price Only Democrat on List; Judge Campbell to be List; Judge Campbell to be Unopposed for Bench Here.

At the primaries in May, local Democrats will have but one candidate to place for the race for the state legis-Meeting Tonight; Proposal lature. Al Price has filed his candidacy for representative and is the only Getting Scant Approval. member of his parrty who will have his name on the ballot.

It is considered as probable that Matt Glover, who some years ago LIVES OF CROWD IN made the race, will conduct a camp INVESTIGATE PLANS aign to have his name written in on

The time for filing in the primar les closed yesterday. George L. Story, of Oregon City, did not file for Circuit Judge of the Forecasted; Recall Not to fifth district. This leaves J. U. Camp-

> ination. Other state offices, for which the

fice. He seeks the Republican nom-

closed, are: Representative, 16th District Republican-Phillip Hammond Oregon City; George C. Randall, New bers of the council do not favor the Era; Robert Schuebel, Mulino; Isom C. Bridges, Oregon City; M. J. Lee,

Democrat-Al A. Price, Oregon

State Senator-12th District Republican—F. T. Tooze, Oregon City; William M. Stone, Oregon City; R. E. Cherrick, Barlow,

\$18,000 BONUS IS PAID

Graduated Scale of Gratuity Payments Said Unique Plan Of Oregon City Industry.

A sum of \$18,000 was paid Saturday by the Oregon City Woolen Mills to their employees in the form of a the company every individual, whose not come due to the condition of the moved to the Cox home, where he was name appears on the payroll for six months is entitled to two and a half

This arrangement continues until cent of his receipts. The object of the company in offering this inducement is the establishment of a steady

personnel at the plant, An official of the company stated recently that approximately 80 per cent of the present force employed were classified in the 15 per cent category, this would indicate that the great majority of the present staff had three consecutive years or more service with the company.

The bonus scheme of the Oregon City Wolen mills is said to be the only one of its kind in the west,

FIRE LOSS FOR MARCH

In Oregon for last Month. conducted, and

SALEM, April 14.-Fifty-four fires in Oregon, outside of Portland, dur- tion of their agreement, conducted led to get off the planks, and get ing March, resulted in losses aggre- the said dancing pavilion on Sunday, gating \$276,580, according to esti- and mates computed by State Fire Marshal A. C. Barber, upon reports filed with his office. More than one half the 54 fires were in dwellings, seven in barns, seven in mercantile and other business establishments

A new penal of 14 jurors was drawn Saturday by the county clerk to augment the original list, from which number of the women have declin-Councilman Cross scored the recent ed. Eleven of the 17 women who McLoughlin park case as an atempt were drawn in the first venire, have to hide "behind two women's skirts," declined to serve. The remaining nine who have accepted service are hind the affair had leaked out, and Maggie G. Friel, Cherryville; Arda L. that it was disclosed as an attempt Amrine, Hoff, Route 1; Lulu M. Fletcher, Molalla, Route 1: Louise Kam- Twenty-first street, Portland, at 14th rath, Oregon City, Route 3; Augusta and Washington streets Wednesday and Dora B. Herring, Estacada.

term which opens Monday, follows: Eliza M. Ingram, Oregon City, Route Oregon City; Edna Essen, Sandy; R. wrecked top onto the truck. There D. Wilson, 614 Water street, Oregon have been several accidents at this City: Clara E. Anthony, New Era; point caused by the low overhead Olive A. Swallow, Gladstone; Paul clearance. The matter will be taken whiskey ashore from the Boyd, Canby, Route 1; Jessie M. John- Southern Pacific company in an efgon City; R. L. Peake, Carver.

FIRECRACKERS START \$12,000

Half of Business District Burns; Town Is Threatened By Blaze; Bucket Brigade From Gresham Gives Aid.

THEATRE IN DANGER to defective wiring or anything of this

Conflagration Under Control After Hours' Fight; Wind from West Helps In Battle.

BORING, April 13 .- (Special)-Viping out half of the business section here, endangering the lives of more than 50 people gathered in the local movie show, and threatening a large portion of the reseidential section, a fire, caused by firecrackers, did between \$10,000 and \$12,000 damage here at 9:15 o'clock this evening.

gathered in the Boring theatre tonight when the fire started in the pool hall below. They were warned and all escaped before the flames found their way to the upper part of

All of the business houses on the gades were only able to save the surby a westerly wind which kept the side of the street

which two trucks were stored, were smoke. Chief Priebe, Assistant Chief Hecker. a total loss. Moran's home and the Freson and Al Cox, hoseman, who and the windows broken.

r employees in the form of a A call was sent to Gresham for the down a narrow ladder and out of the Under the existing plan of fire department, but the engine could burning building. He was later reroads. Three cars of fire fighters revived. however, were dispatched, and the bucket brigades were formed.

the worker reaches a point where he located in the Waller building and are only one of the sprinklers was work was said tonight to be about \$1,500. The fire was under control at 11

A resolution, condemning the granting of the Oak Grove dance hall license was passed at a meeting of Pamona grange, held Wednesday at the Parkplace grange. The resolution

follows: Whereas, H. Tregastis and M. L. Hubbard conducted a dancing pavilon at the Oak Grove beach in the

year 1921, and Whereas, said dancing pavilion was conducted in such a manner as to af-State Returns Show Damage fect the morals of the people attending and discredited the community In Busch Outbreak Biggest in which said dancing pavilion was

> Whereas, it was necessary to employ special officers to see that the law was enforced, and Whereas, the said people in viola-

Whereas, a remonstrance was filed against the granting of another li cense for the year 1922, and approxithe total is represented by the big mately 90 per cent of the residents of garage fire at Oregon City, with a said community were opposed to the loss estimated at \$168,000. Thirty of granting of such license and protests were made by the residents of said community by petition and in person now therefore,

Be it resolved, that we, the Pomo na Grange of Clackamas County, Oregon, condemn the action of the commissioners for granting the said license against the protests of the citizens of the community and the Coun-

COMPANY TO BE QUIZZED ON RAILROAD CROSSING Diser.

owned by Edmund Oleen of 294 North Haberlach, Clackamas, Route 1, night by the overhead crossing of the Southern Pacific. The owner es-The new list, to serve during the caped uninjured except for a slight scratch on the face

Residents in the vicinity who heard Mollie E. Straight, 804-4th street, the crash assisted him in loading the baby home and Oregon City.

\$4,000 BLAZE AT BARCLAY SCHOOL BODY OF VICTIM HELD INCENDIARY

That the fire in the Barclay school early Sunday morning was of incen diary origin, is the theory held by lo cal officials after a survey of the scene of the blaze which broke out in the building at Twelfth and Madison at 4 o'clock.

to more than \$4,000 The reason for the belief that the blaze was the work of a fire bug is that the start was gained in the interior of a cloak room on the lower. floor which was entirely empty. The blaze swept up through the ceiling, the second floor and out through the roof. There were, the authorities say, HECKER TELLS STORY no possibilities of the blaze being due

nature, and it had been empty since school let out Friday.

Koenig, who had just returned with is wife from Portland, where they ad attended a party. Mr. Koenig's attention was drawn towards the building by a light and he immediately turned in the alarm. About 100 cople were attracted, many of the residents including some of the volunteer firemen not hearing the alarm, and had it not been for the prompt action of the fire department the entire building would have been destroy, ed, when arriving they found the flames had eaten through the walls into several of the rooms, and up thru the roof. The woodwork of rooms on Men, women and children were the south side of the building is badly charred. The damage amounting to about

\$4000, is covered by insurance. During the height of the fire Captain Gerald Warner in company with Joseph Beauliau, hoseman, was overcome by smoke, and almost sufficated. east side of Broadway street were He remained unconscious for about burned to the ground. Bucket bri- one and one-half hours, after being removed to the home of Mr and Mrs. flames from catching on the other was summoned and gave medical at swore to the information. tention. Joseph Beauliau also suffer-The movie hall, the Van Dolin shoe ered from electric shock, when coming the limp form of Captain Warner

The sprinkler system in the base ment aided in keeping the fire from The movie and the pool, hall were entering that part of the building, but

> The origin of the fire is under in vestigation. There had been no fire in the building since Friday, according to the janitor, George Gallihan. Owing to the condition of the building, caused by Fre and water, school s gotten into condition, and it is pro-

RAILROAD WILL IMPROVE CROSSING AT PARKPLACE

The condition of the crossing on the River road between Oregon City and Parkplace will be improved by the Southern Pacific company, according to word received by J. R. Stafford, engineer for Oregon City.

A communication from Mr. Stafofrd recently drew the attention of the railroad to the fact that the planking did not extend far enough to allow for the aprons. Cars which were forced caught in the tracks, often having to run down the ties in order to prevent turning turtle.

RIGHT TO CLOSE ROAD IS DENIED BY COURT

The Holcomb road where it crosses the O. P. Collier place is a public highway and cannot be stopped by a gate, according to the decision of Judge J. U. Campbell in the circuit court Monday. In the case of S. Stanifer against Collier and Van Zant, his essee, it was held that the thorofare, being dedicated, did not revert back to the owners of adjacent property when the farm changed hands, was recently purchased by Col-

The top was torn from a truck SAFE BLOWN; JANITOR

PORTLAND, April 17 .- The safe of the Pantages theater was blown and robbed of between \$3000 and \$3500 at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The yeggmen have thus far escaped.

Sam Bagley, negro night janitor, lay bound and gagged in a dressing room off the stage of the theater for two hours before he was finally able to work himself loose and give the office and the safe

wrecked by the explosion of nitro-The amount stolen represents the Saturday night and Sunday receipts. uralization papers

The

IS SAID IN RIVER

The damage is believed to amount Corpse of Portland Musician Put In Hop Sack, Weighted With Rocks and Sunk, Boy

OF FATAL INCIDENTS

The blaze was discovered by Frank Circumstantial Evidence Net Leads to Breakdown of Lad Who Faces Heavy Charges.

> Hecker, confessed slayer of Frank Pelford were also a total loss. tives late today to the place where he proprietor of a studio above the shop, said the body of Bowker, weighed likewise saved his furniture. with stones and tied in a huge hop sack had been thrown into the muddy, swirling waters of the Calapooia river, two miles west of Albany on the Albany-Corvallis highway

Albany townsmen early tonight were still grappling with improvised hooks for the body of Bowker,

Complaint Filed PORTLAND, April 18. - Russell Hecker was formally charged with first degree murder this morning in a complaint filed in municipal court rounding buildings, and were aided S. M. Cox on Twelfth and Madison by Deputy District Attorney John streets, where Dr. Edward McLean Mowry. City Detective Fred Maliet

The complaint comes after an all night investigation of the mysterious op, the barber shop, dance hall, and ing in contact with a live wire. He disappearance of Frank Bowker, a oring Truck company garage in was also overcome with the dense musician, who was last seen with

A net of circumstantial evidence ostoffice were saved, though the were also fighting the fire in the at- had been woven about the youth but tion in the Mount Hood loop road fea-Moran house was damaged by water tic, came to their rescue, Cox carry- as yet the body of Bowker has not been discovered

gene, April 14.—The conference for by the state tax commission which Student Body presidents and secretar- claimed that they had no authority to 13 million acres of forest reserve and ies of the high schools of the state contract an agreement against taxes although not wishing to suggest that and the editors, managers and staff yet unlevied, has been dismissed until the building representatives of the high school papers opened today with, Philip Paine, had in good faith included the \$85,000 bable that the classes in a number of Quenton Cix, Bud Baxter, Peter Laurs, item for this year's installment of the grades will be resumed about Wed- Dwight Hedges and Albert Grossen-

high school Paine, Quenton Cox and Bud Baxter policy of the county board would be are guests at the Alpha Tau Omega to include the item in its annual budma Delta house and Peter Laurs and has been paid. Albert Grossenbacher at Friendly hall. The Oregon City delegates will leave Eugene Sunday afternoon,

Over 175 students representing more than 21 high schools had regis- Booth to canvass the county road budtered at the university at the close of the first day of the conference. Hal E. Hoss, managing editor f the Oregon City Enterprise, is also attending the conference,

Coal Exports Are Smaller than 1920

The exports of domestic bituminous coal from the nUited States during the year 1921 amounted to 20,652,788 long tons, valued at \$122,596,704 according to a report of the Fuel Division of the Department of Commerce. This was a decline of 40 per cent, as compared with the 1920 exports, which were 34, 390,254 long tons, valued at \$304,273, 241. These figures do not include bunker coal laden on vessels engaged in the foreign trade, which in 1920 agamounted to 7,547,518 tons.

erlands, Sweden, Canada and Argentine. Of the total exports of soft coal, 12,483,550 tons or 61% went to Canada The 1921 exports, while below those of 1920 were nevertheless 300,000 tons above the average of the past nine years. Exports to Canada were 500,000 below the nine year average and to other countries 1,006,000 tons above it. Anthracite exports during 1921 were about 650,000 tons less than in 1920, the total was 4,176,221 long tons.

Coke exports in 1921 declined 66 per cent from the 1920 figure, exports in 1921 being 273,888 tons as compared with 821,252 tons in 1920.

EX-AUSTRIAN CONSUL TO RETAIN NATURALIZATION 4 KILLED, MANY HURT IN

PORTLAND, April 17 .- Joseph Woerndle, former Austrian consul here, will retain his American citi

United States District Judge Bean this morning handed down a decision

FIRE DAMAGE IN BORING IS PLACED AT \$15,000 TORE TO REPORT BURD

Loss from Blaze Found to be More than First Survey Showed; Figures are Given.

BORING, April 15 .- Revised estimates of the damage done by the fire which swept half of the business section here Thursday night, place the Confesses to Police Official. loss at \$15,000. The original estimates were \$12,000.

Four buildings on the east side of the street were burned down. S. E. Waller, owner of the building which housed the pool hall, a barber shop and confectionery store, was unable to save any of his equipment. He

Waller's loss was estimated \$4000, with insurance on the building itself. S. N. Morgan, owner of the Boring theatre, placed his loss at \$5000, with nothing insured. His living quarters ALBANY, Ore., April 18.-Russell above the garage building of W. R.

Bowker, Portland musician led a by S. T. Van Donelen was saved, but party of Portland police and detect the building destroyed. A. Peterson,

The Boring Auto Truck company, perated by Shaver and Yeon, lost a truck and supplies valued at \$3000.

Ernest Glarner's loss consisted of a truck valued at the same amount. The home of William Morand was damaged, but a bucket brigade with reinforcements from Gresham, saved it from destruction. The impassable condition of the roads prevented the Gresham fire department from responding to an S. O. S. call,

PORTLAND, April 14. - Effortg to evive Multnomah county's participatured today's opening session of the state highway commission, when or expense of the levy. Declaring that Chairman R. A. Booth called upon Ru- the state had been deprived of some fus C. Holman of the county commis-

county's policy. has already expended the major portion of its share on the work, but the UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eu- Multnomah appropriation was held up the opinion of the speaker was ex-

Holman reiterated that the county loop road fund in the annual budget, bacher representing the Oregon City which sum was stricken out as not of paramount necessity by the tax com-While at the university Philip servation commission. He said the

funds might not be diverted to apply if this can be done. Holman invited

get and work out something. The beginning of the end of the inprojects will embrace approximately with a number of bridges. The aggregate cost is estimated at \$2,500,000.

VENUE CHANGE GIVEN; OVERLOADER FINED \$10

After applying for a change of venue from the local justice court, T. W. Sellwood was convicted Thursday in gregated 9,362,178 tons and in 1921 the Oak Grove court before Judge C. A. Lewis, on charges of overloading. Sellwood was accused of overload-The decrease in the 1921 trade was divided mainly between France, Neth- ing a truck 2400 pounds. He was fined \$10 and \$40 costs after the jury

returned a verdict of guilty. J. Dean

Butler was named as special prose-

cutor for the state.

7 KÍLLED, MANY INJURED BY IRVINGTON CYCLONE

CENTRALIA, Ill., April 17 .- Seven are dead, four are reported missing TAX REDUCTION CLUBS which practically wiped out Irvington, Ill., today, according to reports reaching here over badly crippled wires.

KENTUCKY WIND STORM

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 15 .- Four refusing to cancel Woerndle's nat- wind and lightning storm which swept arranged in the representative compractically all parts of the state.

Judge L. E. Bean, Candidate for Governorship Speaks to Live Wires; Income Tax Is Advocated to Aid Problem.

CHURCH HEAD TELLS NEED FOR OPTIMISM

could not account for the origin of Industrial Conditions Are Held Psychological; No Need of Depression, Claim.

> That the total debt of the state of Oregon equals one-third of its known wealth and that only 22 per cent of the population are taxpayers was a statement made by L. E. Bean, candidate for governor, at a meeting of the Live Wires in the commercial club rooms, Tuesday noon

Mr. Bean pointed out that the total indebtedness of the state is at present 313 million dollars and the listed value of its resources in excess of one billion dollars. The inequaity of the tax burden was illustrated by the speaker when he pointed to the fact that the output from the farms in the Willamette valley little more than exceeded the amount demanded by the state in the form of taxation. As a contrast to this Mr. Bean showed that a sum of one billion dollars was tied up in non-taxable bonds and securities held by various individuals and cor-

porations throughout Oregon,

Income Tax Favored As a remedy for this condition, the candidate for governor suggested equalization of the burden by a form of income tax which would be graduated in such a manner that the collec tion would be made wherever the amount collected would offset the cost fus C. Holman of the county commis-sion to explain again definitely the 1916, Mr. Bean showed that in 1866 a grant of land 29 miles in breadth and The original agreement for the im- stretching clear across the state provement of the road was made be which was made to a certain railroad ween Multnomah and Clackamas for the purpose of fostering construccounties and the state. Clackamas tion had by an act of congress in 1916 been removed from the tax roll. Another instance of loss of revenue in emplified in the setting aside of some the conservation of our forests was not a highly commendable scheme yet at the same time the fact remained that this vast area was not contributing toward the maintenance of the many public institutions which were

dependent on state appropriations. Optimism' Held Need

Eulogising the spirit displayed by house, Dwight Hedges at the Phi Gam- get until the full amount of \$170,000 the business men both in Oregon City and elsewhere, Rev. Spence, pastor of Booth asked if other county road the Presbyterian church at Vancouver, spoke on the benefits to be deon the loop project and to ascertain rived from a concerted spirit of optimism It was, he maintained essential for the well being of the nation that an organized state of mind typifying expectant prosperity be universally tensive state highway construction of adopted. Good or bad conditions of the last few years will be in sight industrial life were largely physcholwith the opening of bids today and ogical and to a great extent governed Saturday on projects constituting the by mental attitudes he said At major part of this year's work. The the same time this could not be construed as the sole thing necessary to 295 miles of construction, together the production of better times declared the speaker, should not lose sight of the fact that foreign markets were needed to absorb the surplus products and that the actions of the government controlled the fu-

ture of the country. Prior to the regular addresses a report was received by the main trunk from the committee in charge of the city hall site. The committee asked for definite instructions stating that the compromise was meeting with considerable opposition. After some debate between the members on the architectural problems involved a resolution was passed that the compromise location be submitted to the

city council. The main trunk reminded the members that this was book week and that any donations that could be made particularly in the form of technical literature would be a distinct aid to

the library and community at large. An announcement was also made by Mr. Clay promising unlooked for attractions at the forthcoming house warming and stating that any members who had failed to receive cards could obtain same by communicating with the secretary,

PLAN WIDE DISCUSSION

A series of meetings over the county for the purpose of discussing the tax situation in an effort to clarify conditions and propound solutins, are planned by the Tax Reduction club of Clackamas county.

The definite program for the meet lives were lost and many persons ings has not yet been made out but were injured yesterday in a rain, hail, it is expected that the series will be