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LIVE WIRES O. K. COMPROMISE ON CITY HALL SITE

Settlement Agreed On With Hill Body for Location of Municipal Building Subject of Report at Lunch Meeting.

SALMON PROTECTION TO BE INVESTIGATED

O. D. Eby Charges Depletion of Willamette; Athletic Field Committee Is Named.

Endorsing the compromise site for the city hall, inaugurating action to secure a playground and children's athletic field, and appointing a committee to investigate the planting of salmon fry in the Willamette, the Live Wires of the local commercial club held a general discussion at their session Tuesday noon.

The committee composed of L. A. Henderson, L. A. Morris and Ed. Johnson, which was appointed to select a downtown site for the proposed city hall, was discharged, after the report of Chairman Henderson regarding the compromise affected with the hill people, which would locate the municipal building on the bluff at the head of Eighth street. The action of the city council in approving the bluff site was endorsed by the Wires. Characteristic of the turn which has been taken in the city hall agitation during the past few weeks, there was very little discussion. Upon Henderson's motion the provision was made that the club would not endorse a building which would require more than the \$25,000 bond issue. The draft for the plans drawn for the building by Edmund Bergholtz, of Portland, were submitted at the meeting.

Packers Control Fishing
The question of protection for the fish industry was introduced by O. D. Eby, who charged that the fish commission was controlled by the Columbia River packers and that the Willamette and tributary streams were being robbed of their spawn to feed the Columbia. "It is a fact," said Eby, "that the fish, in four years return to the stream in which they are planted. The spawn is being taken from the Willamette and after the fish are hatched, they are planted in the lower river. The packers there are reaping the harvest and the streams in this part of the country are being depleted."

Eby drew at length upon the value of the salmon fishing here as a tourist resource and as a source of revenue to local fishermen. He pointed out the great runs of fish which were no longer a yearly event, and laid the reason for this in the fact that they are not being replenished properly.

Planting Difficulties Shown
Raymond Cauffield and A. E. Rugg pointed out the difficulty of planting the Willamette streams, due to natural limitations, such as the fact that in a number of the tributaries the water was so low when the fish were large enough to go down stream that they couldn't get over the falls.

Eby was appointed as a committee to take the matter up with the commercial club for a full investigation and if it is found practical, to inaugurate a movement here for the formation of an organization to protect the interior streams.

Rev. H. G. Edgar, Charles W. Kelly and Sam Clay were appointed as a committee to further the matter for an athletic field. The matter was taken up some time ago and the attempt to have the city and the school board cooperate on the purchase of a site, was lost by default when it was sidetracked by the city council. The committee is to investigate a site and report back to the Wires.

NEW ERA MAN RECALLS SHOPPING WITH OX TEAM

Lawrence Ferguson, of New Era, was in Oregon City on business Tuesday. Mr. Ferguson operates a little store at New Era and has resided in that section since 1877. Mr. Ferguson says he well remembers when he used to drive his yoke of oxen to Oregon City to do his shopping and dispose of his vegetables from his little farm. A man was considered well fixed when owning such oxen as his. Although he has resided in that section of the county since that time, he hasn't been further east of Canby than one and one-half miles, nor has he ever visited Salem or Vancouver, Wash., although not far distant. He is contemplating taking his first visit to the capital city this summer for his summer vacation—one day. Mr. Ferguson says in 13 years' time he has been away but one night from his place of business at New Era, but enjoys watching the motorists pass his place.

Being fond of flowers, he has planted various varieties of bulbs in the place surrounding his store near the New Era station, and takes pride in giving blossoms to his friends.

CARVER CANNERY GETS READY FOR OPERATION

Management Has Secured Big Order; New Machinery Is Installed In Concrete Plant.

R. L. Peake, of Carver, manager of the Carver Canning company, accompanied by the president of the company, A. H. Ritzau, of Damascus, were in this city Thursday afternoon, coming here on business pertaining to the cannery, which is located at Carver, about seven miles from Oregon City. The company was organized last year, before the fruit season closed, and this year's business is encouraging to the management, for the manager has already secured an order for \$100,000 worth of canned goods. It is the intention of the management this year to start the cannery into operation as soon as the early fruit comes on, and strawberries will be the first fruit to be canned, to be followed by later berries, besides apples, pears, peaches and plums. About 50 people will be employed this season.

A large number of the farmers of that section are planting land to fruit trees, since the cannery was established at Carver, and will dispose of the fruit to the manufacturing establishment instead of depending upon the local markets to dispose of the same. The cannery building is a substantial structure, being built of concrete and tile, and having a dimension of 40x100 feet. It is well located and near the Carver railway line, as well as on the main road. New machinery is being installed by Mr. Peake and Mr. Ritzau, having recently been purchased at a price of \$7000.

The officers of the establishment are as follows: R. L. Peake, manager; A. H. Ritzau, president; H. Peck, vice-president; John Miller, secretary and treasurer.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS PLAN TO COMBINE MEETINGS

Deviation Is Shown Over Past Year The Totals Expected To Remain About Static.

The apportionment of the common school fund in Clackamas county will be somewhat under last year and the amount of the elementary tax money will be in advance of the past period, according to County School Superintendent Brenton Vedder's figures for the division which is to be made during the next three weeks. By the middle of May the apportionment to the different districts will be completed. It is probable that the total amounts will be approximately the same as last year, despite the variations in each fund.

The reason for the increase in the elementary fund is that the state apportionment of taxes to the county increased generally this year, resulting in raising the quota for the elementary two mill tax.

The common school fund is a county levy, and is curtailed by the interpretations placed by the county court on the new budget law which becomes operative this year.

SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS BEING MADE

A number of the annual elections and budget meetings of the different school districts throughout the county are to be combined this June, according to the announcement of Brenton Vedder, county school superintendent. The annual election of one director and the clerk, is held each June and the combination plan will save considerable detail and the necessity of advertising a separate election. Election and budget supplies have been forwarded to all of the clerks of the different districts, including contract blanks and all necessary forms.

\$500 FIRE BREAKS OUT AT PARKPLACE HOUSE

Fire, caused from a defective flue in the home owned by Mr. Faubian, and occupied by a family by the name of Benz, located above the Parkplace school house, occurred Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock during the absence of the family, damaging the building about \$500. There was no insurance. The blaze is believed to have started from a chimney in the kitchen, a fire having been left during the brief absence of the family. Had it not been for the prompt action of the Oregon City fire department, the entire building would have been destroyed. The company made record time from this city, after the call had been sent in. The chemical engine was used in extinguishing the blaze. Neighbors were trying to extinguish the fire by means of a bucket brigade when the firemen made their appearance on the scene.

WAGES IN MILLS IN OREGON CITY TO REMAIN STATIC

Local Industrial Plants Not To be Affected by Cut of International Pay at End of this Month, Statement.

SCALE TO BE UPHELD SAYS W. P. HAWLEY

Conditions Here Will Not be Changed, Is Indication of Position of Paper Heads.

The contemplated cut in the wages of paper mills to be made by the International Paper Mills throughout the East on May 1, will not affect Oregon City, according to the statements made Monday by W. P. Hawley, president and Willard P. Hawley, Jr., manager of the Hawley Pulp and Paper company.

The present wages will be kept in force and no attention will be paid to the scale in the eastern mills. Mr. Hawley, Sr., stated, "The agreement that the local mills would be governed by the International scale, was not made with the eastern mills, but with our own men as a guarantee that the wages would not go below the union scale," he said. "The rate here has been somewhat in advance of that paid in the eastern unionized mills."

The wage at present paid for common labor is 35 cents an hour, which with nine hours work, makes the minimum wage \$3.15 a day. The average shift wage is 73 cents. This reduction was made December 1, and represented a cut of 8 cents on common labor and 5 cents on shift work. May 1, 1921, the International mill's reduced from a \$4.32 to \$3.46 basic wage for common labor, and a further reduction put a scale in vogue a trifle below the going wages here.

During January, a readjustment was made in some of the New York paper mills. This affected neither the International mills nor the local plants, but it was announced that a readjustment would probably be made at the first of May of this year when the contracts with the international expired. The local mills, according to Mr. Hawley, intend if possible to keep the scale where it is at the present time if possible, and will take no cognizance of any action by the eastern concerns.

DIVORCE COURT GRANTS DECREE IN KELLY SUIT

A decree of divorce was granted here Thursday in the case of Michael against Grace Kelly. They were married in Santa Rosa, Cal., December 20, 1915. Suit for divorce was filed by Dorothy against Thomas R. Eader. They were married in Portland March 4, 1919.

A decree was also granted in the case of Clara against F. E. Allemen. They were married in Portland August 21, 1921.

MATILDA HITCHMAN DIES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Mrs. Matilda Hitchman, wife of Walter Hitchman, died at the family residence several miles from this city on Route 2, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Hitchman was born in Denmark 62 years ago, and came to America 50 years ago, residing in Clackamas county about 14 years.

Deceased is survived by her husband, of Oregon City, Route 2, and five sons, Albert, Frank, Arthur, Elmer and Earl Hitchman all of Clackamas county.

Bossy Out of Luck; Running at Large In West Linn Stopped

Bossy's liberal days of freedom and gamboling on the municipal green, are over. By a margin of but 22 votes out of a total ballot of 480, West Linn Monday voted that cows cannot run at large. The decision was reached through the preponderance of strength in the downtown district where the vote was 166 to 64 for keeping the bovines corralled. In the hill district there were 12 votes for the regulatory ordinance and 57 against while in Willamette there were 108 votes against the regulation and 73 for. The total ballot was 251 for; 229 against. The action is the culmination of a long discussion, which ended when the council refused to take action and referred the matter to the people.

ARMY CUT IS ATTACKED BY SECRETARY OF WAR

Proposed Reduction Branded as "Greatest Folly" by Head of Department's Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The chaotic state of world affairs and the creation of new balances of power, such as the new treaty between Germany and Russia, were cited by Secretary Weeks today to show the necessity of preserving an adequate American army.

Weeks declared in concluding his testimony before the senate appropriation committee that he "could not think of greater folly" than the reduction of the army below 150,000 men.

STATE FIGURES REVEAL WORKING OF BONUS ACT

Cash bonuses to world war veterans in the state of Oregon total \$2,174,752.83 to date, according to state figures received by Phil Hammond, attorney for the local branch of the American Legion. Loan applications are said by the local representative to amount to \$30,738,922.00 and are classified as follows: Immediate, \$21,925,975.00; deferred, \$8,812,947.00.

In numerical terms initial applications for bonuses are said to be 25,792 of which 15,125 specified cash and 10,667 desired loans. The number of loans passed by the state aid commission is shown to be 8,817 while a total of 11,977 applications for cash bonuses were favorably passed on. The number of claims which were returned to ex-service men as being improperly filled out is reported as 11,433 while 12,264 have already been prepared and mailed out to the respective beneficiaries. The state aid commission are said to have approved and turned over to the secretary for state \$1,066 applications and to have rejected 500 claims.

A contrast between those desiring what is termed by the commission city and farm loans is provided in the announcement that 1,403 applied for the farm loan and 1844 for the city loan.

The number of loans which have been rejected by the commission on the grounds of illegality as to amount are only 11 as compared with 421 loans approved as to amount. As many as 1,853 appraisal orders have been sent out from the state bureau and 224 title examination orders have also been dispatched.

Mr. Hammond advises that if there are any veterans who wish to change their application, or have altered their address recently, they should communicate direct with the world war veterans' state aid commission at Salem. He also points out that it is not necessary to enclose discharges but merely give application number.

ORANGE LODGE MEETS; STATE OFFICERS ATTEND

Special Ceremony at Regular Session Admits Large Class; Salmon Banquet Is Feature.

Derry L. O. Lodge 154 held a special ceremony at their regular session Friday night. A number of state officers of the organization visited the chapter here. One of the largest classes on record was initiated into the order which is the strongest in Clackamas county.

After the ceremonies a number of visitors were guests at a banquet. Royal Chinook salmon formed the main course.

Oregon State Bonus Faces Court Action On Loan Guarantees

SALEM, April 20.—The Salem post of the American Legion last night at a special meeting voted to bring mandamus proceedings against the state aid commission, which administers the bonus and loan act for ex-service men, to compel the commission to authorize loans up to 75 per cent of the appraised value of the property on which the loans are made. The statute provides that the loans may be up to 75 per cent. The post charges that the commission has cut loans far below 75 per cent and has refused to allow ex-service men to see the records. The suit will test out the law on the point whether the statute requires loans of 75 per cent of appraised value or whether the figure is simply a maximum. The members of the commission are Governor Olcott, Secretary of State Sam A. Koser, Adjutant General George A. White, Arthur C. Spencer, of Portland and Captain Lyman Rice of Pendleton. The post also voted to file charges of insubordination against any member who uses his connection with the Legion to further the candidacy of any aspirant for political office. The commission invited the test suit some time ago.

HECKER TO BASE FIGHT UPON PLEA OF SELF DEFENSE

Preliminary Hearing Held In Portland Court; No Protest Against Legal Procedure Made By Man's Attorney.

LOCATION FOR TRIAL IS NOT YET DECIDED

Evidence Indicates Murder Not Premeditated, Opinion of Experts On New Facts.

PORTLAND, April 25.—(Special)—No decision had been reached definitely regarding the county in which Hecker will be tried. It is still considered probable that Multnomah will conduct the case, though a change of venue may be asked.

PORTLAND, April 25.—Sensation seekers who crowded the municipal courtroom to the doors yesterday missed all the expected thrills in the preliminary hearing of Russel Hecker, charged with the murder of Frank Bowker on the night of April 16. It was entirely devoid of sensation.

Municipal Judge Ekwall went thru the formality of holding Hecker to the grand jury. The defense declined to show its hand and made no formal legal protest to the court's action.

Persons familiar with the murder investigation as it has developed during the week say that the facts that the arrangements to secure the machine and gun were hastily made, appear to indicate that the slaying was not pre-arranged by Hecker. If Hecker had been planning to do away with Bowker for his money, it is pointed out, he would have made definite arrangements toward procuring a weapon before he was ready to start on the fateful trip, and he also would have an automobile in readiness instead of waiting almost to the very moment he was ready to start.

WILLAMETTE POST SEEKS LIST OF SOLDIER DEAD

In order to ascertain the required number of grave markers for deceased members, the Willamette Falls Post, No. 5, American Legion, is making every effort to secure the names, and desires those people who know of dead veterans, others than those represented in the list below to communicate with any of the officers, who are as follows: L. B. Harding, chairman; M. R. Coper, vice-chairman; J. C. Spagle, secretary; M. G. Nobel, treasurer.

A sample of the marker is displayed in the window of the Jones Drug store, it is of bronze, with polished brass lettering, and bears the name of the American Legion, while the top is adorned with an American flag. The marker is in the form of a five-pointed star, having a circumference of 21 inches, and seven inches in diameter.

The following is the revised list of the deceased members of the Post: Royal Niles, Oregon City; Henry Charles Ast, West Linn; Carl L. Brown, Eagle Creek; Howard B. Dawson, 512 J. Adams, Oregon City; Waldó E. Cauffield, Oregon City; Carlton L. Callif, Oregon City; Loren Harrington, Oregon City; Melvin Hammond, Oregon City; Vernon G. Brahlund, Molalla; Joseph Allen, Oregon City; Frank E. Kohl, Oregon City; Emerson Hoey, Oregon City; York E. Hammond, Oregon City; Marie C. Bingham, Oregon City; Arthur E. Schwelb, Willamette; Henry G. Schwok, Oregon City; Harry Melvin, West Linn; Harry Melby, Oregon City; Edward McIntyre, Oregon City; Lowell J. Kent, Parkplace; Walter L. Kelly, Oregon City; George M. Snidow, Willamette; John A. Rogers, Willamette; Wm. Hancock, Oregon City; Frank Bruce, Oregon City; Newtin Moak, Oregon City.

GUY MOUNT ARRESTED IN SALEM FOR SPEEDING

SALEM, April 21.—Dr. Guy Mount, of Oregon City, is cited to appear in court here today to answer to charges of speeding. He was arrested by Patrolman Parrent and his hearing will be before Judge Earl Race.

Man Fined \$250 for Possessing Liquor

Tom Martin, of Oswego, Saturday paid a \$250 fine in Judge E. J. Noble's court, after pleading guilty to charges of having possession of liquor. He was arrested late Friday night by Deputy Sheriffs Long and Hughes. He had eight pint bottles of whiskey in his possession.

TWO ARANT BOYS WIN IN ENTERPRISE 'T' TEST

Picture Puzzle Difficult; Have Verify Lists of Public Auditorium, Portland, Ore. Are Near Tie.

"These boys are thoroughly thoughtful. Never was anything more true than the above slogan, used in the Enterprise's 'T' Words Picture Puzzle, and not only did they make thoughtful thinkers but they also stretched the imagination of some to such an extent that it is doubtful if they ever get back to normal (Ask the judges.)"

Nevertheless we are pleased to announce the winners of this tricky bunch of tricks and we sincerely hope that they enjoyed working on the puzzle as much as the judges did (?). The winners of the first and second prizes were only one word apart and the lists were checked several times to make sure of the winners. Third, fourth and fifth prizes were tied with 138 words each, while sixth prize will be divided between two contestants. The following is the list of the winners with the correct list of words and the amount of the prizes: First Prize—Donald and Willard Arant, 141 words, class 2, prize \$15. Second Prize—Elizabeth Howland, 140 words, class 3, prize \$15. Third, Fourth and Fifth Prizes—Mrs. Ernest Jones, Class 3, one-third of \$10, \$5, \$2.50, Prize \$5.83; Mrs. W. A. White, Class 2, one-third of \$5, \$3 and \$2, Prize \$3.33; Mrs. W. F. Cary, Class 1, one-third of \$2, \$1.50 and \$1, Prize \$1.50, Each 138 words. Sixth Prize—Barclay school, Sixth Grade, Class 3, Prize one-half of \$2 or \$1; Mrs. H. H. Hulbert, Class 4, Prize, one-half \$3, or \$1.50, Each 133 words.

The winners of the second prize received more money than will the winner of the first prize as the former had turned in more subscriptions and was in a higher class. Even those who tied for places did not receive the same amount as they were in different classes. In the ties the total sum of the prizes for the class of the contestant were added and the prizes allowed are on third of the total amount. In a few days we will publish the complete list of correct words as given by the artist. Some large lists were turned in but with the incorrect words and the penalties the lists were materially cut.

A complete survey of the possibilities of fire in the Presbyterian church on the night prior to the fire, has been made and strengthens the theory that the blaze was set. All fires in the furnace were out Friday afternoon and the building was reported in perfect condition by the boy scouts who were in the structure until nine o'clock. The fire broke out at 2 a. m. The blaze, originating over the furnace, was in a place where it was completely surrounded by brick or cement except above. Examination of the wiring system showed that there was no short circuit and the state fire marshal's deputy who investigated the electrical condition of the structure is positive that nothing of this nature was responsible for the blaze.

Similar conditions have developed in the case of the Barclay school. The authorities are positive in the statement that the fire could not have been other than intentional for it originated in a place where it could have been due to no natural causes.

LUMBERJACK IS CRUSHED BY LOG IN OSWEGO CAMP

Charles S. Scroggins, employed at the lumber camp at Camp McLane, near Oswego, was instantly killed Monday morning at 9 o'clock, when a log rolled on him.

Scroggins with three other employees of the lumber camp at the time of the accident was engaged in loading a large log on a train, when one at the rear broke loose from its fastenings, and crushed Scroggins. His head was smashed.

Scroggins was 30 years of age, a native of Missouri and married. His wife and he were camping at the lumber camp close to where the accident occurred. The man had taken the position as a logger about two weeks ago, coming from Martin, Wash.

Coroner O. A. Pace, of this city, was called, but held no inquest, owing to the fact that the man's death was accidental.

The remains were taken to Portland by the coroner, and at the request of the wife, turned over to the Molman undertaking establishment of that city.

GIRL BABIES INCREASE; THREE ARRIVE IN CITY

Girl babies still outnumber the boy babies in Clackamas county since January 1922, and three more arrived at the Oregon City hospital since Friday, April 21. These are as follows: To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vonderhe, of Milwaukie, Route 1, a seven-pound daughter, named Margaret Virginia; Friday, April 21, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Johnson of Colton, 7½ pound daughter, Sunday morning, April 23; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Law, of Oak Grove, daughter, April 23.

Other girls were born in this city and in other parts of the county during the past week.

VERDICT OF \$237.33 IS WON IN \$2,000 ACTION

A verdict for \$237.33 was returned Saturday in the case of Blanche E. Blatchford against the Oregon Stage Company. Mrs. Blatchford was suing for \$2,000 damages, and the case was based on an accident on the Canby highway, when one of the Canby stages, driven by M. J. Lee, former manager of the company, struck her buggy. Lee, on the grounds that he will not accept the compromise verdict, intends to appeal the case.

STATE OFFICERS ASKED TO AID IN INQUIRY ON FIRE

Local Police and Fire Men Puzzled Over Cause for Blazes Which Damaged 2 Public Buildings Here.

WORK OF FIRE BUG IS STRONGLY SUSPECTED

Investigation of Conditions In Buildings Adds Much To Incendiarism Theories.

Local officials have appealed to the state fire marshal's office to take up the investigation of the two mysterious fires which damaged a church and a school building in Oregon City during the past week. With practically no workable clues, except what is generally declared to be almost indisputable evidence that the blazes were of incendiary origin, the officers here are at a loss to solve the reason for the burning of the Barclay school and the Presbyterian church. Possibilities that a fire bug may be operating in this district is being considered as one of the possible answers to the enigma and the police are taking all possible precautions to prevent another outbreak, though they are hampered by the small personnel of the force.

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Police are at a loss to attribute any theory to the Barclay fire. In the case of the church fire there are two possible clues. Dave Williams, a resident on Washington street, reported that he saw a man running down Seventh, across Washington to Fifth and down Fifth street, shortly before the fire was discovered. This theory however, is contradicted by the men who reported an open auto standing near the church, which drove away when someone hurriedly entered.

Beside these two facts, the officers say there is nothing tangible to work on. They are further at a loss to advance any reason why a fire bug should attempt to destroy churches and schools, unless it be the work of some deranged condition as to act in that manner usually creates enough notice to be reported, and making the existence of such a criminal has been heard.

JOINT COMMENCEMENT FOR COUNTY IS PLANNED

Eighth grade commencement services will be held in Gladstone Chautauqua park this year for the second time. The exercises of the entire county were held at the chautauqua grounds last year and were so successful that the Board of County Superintendents Brenton Vedder has decided to plan the joint ceremony again this year.

The commencement at the park takes the place of all of the individual events formerly held by the different schools. One of the features this year is the stress which is being laid upon inexpensive apparel, especially for the girls. White middie dresses have been selected as the standard for all of the participants and the school authorities are especially anxious to inaugurate a precedent which will relieve the necessity for inconvenience of parents at graduation time.

Three Couples Given License to Wed Here

Three marriage licenses were issued Saturday. They were: Carl W. Fisher, 21, and Pearl V. Hovenstine, 17, both of this city; Louis Charriere, 21, and Henriette Martineau, 20, both of Oregon City; Harry L. VanMeter, 30, Oregon City, and Mabel Bears, 24, Beaver Creek.