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## COUNCIL VOTES TO SUBMIT CITY HALL LOCATION TO VOTE

Singer Hill Site Involves Too Much Added Expense; Would Increase Cost Of New Building to \$40,000.

## ADVERTISING FAILS TO BRING ANY BIDS

Water Commissioner Says He Will Oppose Attempt To Accept Revised Proposals.

Plans for the city hall building on Singer hill, as originally drawn, and as revised, were abandoned by the city council at a special meeting last evening, and the council ordered a measure put on the November election ballots asking the voters of Oregon City to select another site for the hall. This action was taken because it was decided that it would be impossible to build a city hall on the Singer Hill site with the money voted and available for the building.

The special meeting was called to consider bids that had been advertised for the erection of the hall on Singer Hill. No bids were received, however.

Alderman F. H. Cross moved that the revised plans, calling for the omission of art stone and ornamental plastering, and necessitating the construction of a 35 foot approach, and steps, be adopted. Councilman Bridges seconded the motion and then withdrew his second. Dr. Mount then seconded it, the motion was put to a vote and lost, no affirmative vote being cast. These plans, if adopted, would in addition to the changes in the construction, have necessitated an additional expenditure of \$5000 over the cost of the building, \$35,000, the additional costs being for bridge approach, \$1600; creek, \$250; sewer, \$300; contractor's bond, \$500; architects' fee \$1750, and steps, \$100.

William Howell, water commissioner, objected to the adoption of the motion to accept the revised plans, and said: "If this contract is adopted this way, I for one will fight it. We will not have anything when we are through, and we will be out the \$40,000." Howell contended that the council would be doing something they were not authorized in doing if they paid over \$35,000 for the construction of the hall.

All the councilmen were present with the exception of J. E. Jack. John Bloom, who lives near 4th and J. Q. Adams streets, asked that some terms on city property near his home be removed, in that they obstructed his view. No action was taken.

The street committee was ordered to make a report at the next regular meeting about the sidewalks that needed repairing in the city, the walk near 4th and Monroe streets being mentioned particularly as being badly in need of repair.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLANS FOR REMODELING

Building Will Be Constructed At Cost of \$15,000; Many New Features to Be Added.

The First Presbyterian church of Oregon City has finished plans for the complete remodeling of the church building on the corner of Seventh and Jefferson streets. The building was partially destroyed by fire April 22 of this year.

According to the new plans practically a new church will be constructed. A full basement is to be excavated, and a modern heating system, kitchen, dining room and Sunday school room installed in it.

On the main floor of the new building will be the church parlors, an enlarged auditorium, the pastor's study, and a mother's room. A large class room will be built on the second floor, over the pastor's study and mother's room. The lot will be graded down about six feet below its present height. The auditorium will be changed, and the entrance built on the southeast corner of the building. The cost of the remodeling is estimated to be about \$15,000, according to the Reverend H. G. Edgar, pastor of the Oregon City church.

## Marriage License Is Granted Couple

A marriage license was issued yesterday by the county clerk to Lynn Thatcher Brownell, age 26, and Alice Knorr, age 20, both of Oregon City.

## COUNTY FISH UNION TO BACK INITIATIVE BILL

G. G. Green, Sponsor Of Measure, Is Assured Of Support Of Organization.

Endorsement of the fish bill proposed by G. G. Green is voiced in a letter received by Green yesterday from the Clackamas County Fishermen's union.

Plans for a meeting with the union are to be laid at once, Green stated yesterday, when the way will be opened for the sponsoring of a second bill in the event that the present initiative petitions are thrown off the ballot.

The letter, signed by Charles Gates, president of the union, and Andrew and Anton Naterlin, follows:

"As a group of individuals engaged in fishing for salmon in the waters of the state of Oregon we are vitally interested in the constitutional amendment to do away with seines, traps and fish wheels in the Columbia. The amendment, if passed by the voters, will be one of the finest pieces of legislation ever enacted for the real and true protection of the salmon.

"You are to be congratulated for the work you have undertaken and you may be assured that we, the Clackamas County Fishermen's Union, as well as the thousands of fishermen on the Columbia, are back of you. We will do all that we possibly can to see that your measure gets a square deal. We have arranged for Mr. Phillip Hammond, our attorney, to be present at the hearing and look after our interests."

## TWO STILL ARE SEIZED BY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

C. W. Hardy Is Under Arrest; Warrants Issued for John Wyatt and Ralph Wilson.

After a nine hour search, Deputy Sheriffs Hughes and Burke found a still on the farm of C. W. Hardy, in the Russellville settlement, 20 miles east of Molalla. A complete still and some of the finished product were taken.

Warrants for the arrest of John Wyatt and Ralph Wilson were issued yesterday, charging the men with the illegal manufacture of liquor. A still was discovered on the John Mile place near Barlow on Pudding river by deputy sheriffs Hughes and Burke. An investigation of the affair was conducted and has ended with the accusation of Wyatt and Wilson.

The still, which was taken together with a small quantity of liquor, was destroyed.

## FALL FROM STEEP BANK IS FATAL TO FISHERMAN

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 28.—Robert Dorah, manager of the Olympia branch of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and a pioneer telephone man of Washington, was instantly killed yesterday when he fell from a steep bank into the Deschutes river six miles south of Olympia.

Dorah, with J. A. Gantenbein, a close friend of years' standing, left early Sunday morning on a fishing trip. They had been fishing for several hours when Dorah left his companion, going farther down the river. A short time later, when Gantenbein went to join his friend, he found his body lying in a few inches of water. The belief is that he tripped on something and fell from the steep bank into the river, striking his head on a rock. Coroner Kenneth Partlow, after examining the wound in his head, stated he had suffered a fractured skull and probably died instantly.

## MEN RETURN TO WORK ON UPPER CLACKAMAS

Sheriff W. J. Wilson yesterday made a trip through the seven or eight Hurley-Mason camps on the P. R. L. & P. construction work, investigating the working conditions there. He reports that the conditions around the camps are satisfactory, that the I. W. W. menace is giving the camps little concern, and that the men were returning to work.

A few men, supposed to be I. W. W. agitators, are said to be around Estacada, but they are having little effect in inducing the workers to remain away from or leave their work in the camps.

## AUTO THUGS FLEE FROM OFFICER AS GUN IS JAMMED

An automatic pistol, which jammed in the hand of state traffic officer Harry Griffith after the first shot had been fired, prevented the capture of two auto thieves here at noon Sunday. An automobile stolen from Jack White of Portland is recovered but the men escaped after an exciting chase through the lumberyard of the Willamette Lumber company, through the brush and around the river bank.

The two men were stopped in the machine by Griffith, who had been looking for a stolen car of the type and description of the seven passenger machine they were driving. As he started to look up the number, the men got out. Griffith found that the license did not belong to the car but had been taken from a truck listed as belonging to E. J. White, of Portland.

Men Make Off As Griffith returned the license list book to his own car, one of the men started to run. At the officer's command he started to throw up his hands, but turned and bolted.

Griffith sent one shot past the man, but he failed to stop. Then the gun jammed, and the second man started to run. Griffith took after the first thief, who ran into the lumber yard, and down through the bushes along the river bank at the foot of 15th street. With the officers two jumps behind, they ran for nearly ten minutes, racing through a place in the north part of the yard where a number of workmen were eating lunch.

Bystanders sent in a call for the sheriff and Deputy Hughes was sent to the scene with a sawed off shot gun. Griffith in the mean time was chasing the man around the flat. Later when Hughes arrived on the scene the thief ran past and a shot gun shell fired at about 35 feet failed to stop him. The man succeeded in evading the officers and getting to the Pacific highway, where he jumped a car.

Coats Are Found In the stolen machine were found several coats, a woman's purse, flash light and other personal effects. Griffith believes that the men have been doing hold-ups along the road.

The car was stolen June 27, and the insurance was paid on it Thursday. The machine is being held here for Griffith, who is state traffic officer at large, left for Portland shortly after the affair. His clothes had been badly torn in chasing through the brush. "I'm through with automatic pistols," said the speed cop. "You don't need one very often but when you need a gun you want a good one." Griffith had just sold his revolver to one of the other state men and was using a borrowed automatic.

## Women Battle With Bare Fists For Man's Love

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Approximately 500 persons formed a ring last night in which two women, Eileen Clossen, 35, and Cadie B. Palmer, 32, fought with bare fists for the love of a man.

The man, a witness to the fray, is said to have told the contestants he would throw his affections to the winner.

News of the contemplated fight brought the neighbors as spectators and they told in court of bets being placed.

Miss Palmer landed the first blow, a right to the jaw. Her opponent countered with an uppercut but injured her hand. Both went into a clinch. Miss Clossen broke away and while she swung, witnesses said, Miss Palmer dodged and retaliated with a blow to the chin for a knock-out.

Both women were arrested and fined \$10 each today in the city court.

## 18 Year Old Youth Drowns After Dive From Small Boat

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 28.—Conrad Wiley, 18, step-son of William C. Williams, a rancher living two miles south of Ridgefield, was drowned in Lake river Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The youth, in company with two smaller boys, Harold and Howard Dunlap, rowed out on the river in a boat. Wiley, diving from the craft, was evidently seized with cramps.

Seeing his distress the small boys tried to help him, but in their excitement rowed around in a circle unable to get near the drowning boy. Adolph and Herman Theil, brothers, one of them a brother-in-law of Wiley, heard his cries, but were helpless to aid. Fred Bowma and Clyde Leiser, divers, called from Vancouver, recovered the body at 6 o'clock, 20 minutes after arriving at the place.

## ONE KILLED, 5 HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Warrants Out for Arrest of 2 Young Californians Who Cause Death of E. M. Hill.

THE DALLES, Aug. 28.—A warrant charging Frank G. Gilchrist of Pasadena, Cal., and A. Stanley Pullen of Carmel, Cal., with manslaughter in causing the death of Edward M. Hill of Dufur on the Columbia river highway Sunday was being prepared today by District Attorney Francis V. Galway. He planned to file it this afternoon.

The two Californians, both young and evidently well supplied with money, were driving a high-powered roadster headed for Lewiston, Idaho, Sunday afternoon, when they sideswiped Hill's car, which was occupied by Hill, his wife and four children.

Mr. Hill was fatally injured, dying just as he was placed on the operating table at the local hospital.

Mrs. Hill suffered a fractured pelvis and other serious injuries, but is expected to live.

The four children were severely bruised and cut, and are confined to the hospital.

## FIEND ATTACKS WOMAN: VICTIM WINS IN FIGHT

Description of Man Tallies With Appearance of Brute Sought For Other Assaults.

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—A battle in which woman's physical prowess proved more effective than her quick wit this morning routed a man supposed to be the "Columbia Park fiend" who has been terrorizing the Peninsula district for several weeks, when he attacked Mrs. A. B. Ragine, 2055 Van Houten street, as she waited at Wall and Fessenden streets.

The man, exposing himself to view in the brush nearby, called to Mrs. Ragine.

"Keep away or I'll shoot," she cried, holding her hand in a bag in threatening manner. "I'm not afraid of guns," the assailant replied, and ran toward Mrs. Ragine. He grappled with her and she struck him several blows before she could break from his hold and run, screaming, to Portsmouth avenue and Fessenden street, where her husband, a contractor, was at work.

Her screaming sent the fiend scurrying into the brush and a cordon of police and deputy sheriffs at once began searching the neighborhood, supposedly hot on his trail. Mrs. Ragine is at the St. Johns police sub-station examining suspects arrested. Thus far none of the several taken in the hunt has been identified.

## Flagrant Abuse Of Initiative Law Alleged In Suit

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—Flagrant abuse of provisions of the initiative law is alleged in a legal attack launched against methods by which the graduated income tax bill of the state grange has been initiated. The attack takes the form of a suit filed yesterday in circuit court of Marion county at Salem, alleging insufficiency of signatures to the initiative petition under which the bill was filed.

Basically, the complaint focuses upon the questionable methods of petition circulators and notaries. Fraud on the part of several such persons is alleged. These charges are backed by specific cases of persons whose names appear on the petition. Scores of these persons will appear as witnesses, it is said, to testify that they did not sign the petition or were induced to sign, though ineligible.

It is estimated that close to 400 persons will be called, if the case goes to court as expected, to testify to irregularities in the petition. Some, it was said, will be minors, others aliens and still others non-residents.

The suit filed yesterday was brought in the name of John H. Carson, as district attorney of Marion county, and names Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, as defendant. It is demanded that Secretary of State Koser be restrained from putting the income tax measure on the ballot next November because of the alleged frauds in preparing and filing the supporting petition.

## McNary Will Aid In Fruit Car Situation

SALEM, Aug. 26.—Because of his heavy fruit interests in Oregon, Senator McNary, it is believed here, will be able to represent the state effectively in a co-operative movement among the Northwest states to keep a sufficient circulation of freight cars in this part of the country to move the fruit and grain crops this fall.

## MEETING HELD TO CONSIDER WAYS TO OUST JUDGE

Inefficiency In Road Work And Small Consideration Given Interviewers, Cited As Causes of Movement.

## TREASURER ASKED TO RUN; DECLINES

Recall Meeting Is Held At Mount Pleasant on Saturday And Charged Drawn Up.

A movement to recall Judge Harvey E. Cross has been started in Clackamas county during the last three or four days, and County Treasurer W. W. Everhart has been asked to be interviewed with the committee that come a candidate for election to that office in the November election. At least one meeting has been held to take steps to have recall proceedings started and to secure a candidate for election to the office.

This meeting was held Saturday afternoon in the Mount Pleasant district, and was attended by men from various sections of the county. It is understood that Oregon City, Oswego, Stated, Estacada and Needy were represented.

Inefficiency in road work is said to be one of the major charges to be preferred and discontent is manifested by those active in the recall move for what they term the cur treatment that they receive from the present judge. They contend that too frequently when endeavoring to get an interview with the judge they cannot get it, that he is too busy, will not take time, or listen to them.

It was learned from L. A. Rall, of Needy, that more formal charges have been drawn up and will be available within a day or two.

## 33 Confidence Men Taken Prisoner By Denver Officials

DENVER, Col., Aug. 25.—Using the basement of a church in which to hold their prisoners in order that their raid might not be tipped off while it progressed, deputies of the district attorney and Colorado state rangers early today completed the round-up and arrest of thirty-three persons alleged to have conducted confidence operations in Colorado, Florida, Cuba and other tourist centers.

Under a technical charge of conspiracy to defraud, the prisoners, ranging in ages from 20 to 73 years, are accused by the authorities of having fleeced persons throughout the United States of sums aggregating \$1,500,000. The officers in their raid seized \$100,000 in cash, weapons of all kinds, telegraph apparatus and the paraphernalia of a stock exchange, by means of which District Attorney Van Cise charges the alleged ring relieved patrons of summer resorts of their money in sums ranging from \$100 to \$1000.

Victims are said to have been solicited in hotels, bathing beaches and amusement parks, particularly in Colorado, Florida and Cuba, to play the market on grains, oil stocks and stocks and bonds, being permitted to win their initial speculations and then being defrauded out of heavier amounts subsequently.

The raid followed investigations of more than a year, in which authorities in other cities aided, Denver police said.

## Extension of Time On Appeal Granted To Russell Hecker

An extension of time for the perfection of appeal in the case of Russell Hecker, convicted murderer of Frank Bowker, Portland musician, was granted Saturday by Judge Campbell. Hecker's attorneys were given until November 4 to file their bill of exceptions and until November 10 to file transcripts of appeal with the supreme court.

Hecker was convicted here July 3 after a sensational trial. He was charged with the deliberate murder of Bowker, and the secreting of the body in the Calapooia river.

## MT. HOOD LOOP ROAD WORK WELL UNDER WAY

Forest Service Men Aiding In Construction; Contract First Grade Nearly Done.

Work on the Mount Hood Loop road is now being pushed at top speed by six crews, working in Hood River, Clackamas and Multnomah counties and in the forest reserve.

Following the tax supervision commission's assurance to the state highway commission that funds would be forthcoming from Multnomah county the contract for graveling the much disputed stretch between Sandy and the Clackamas county line, amounting to seven miles, was let to A. D. Kern, two weeks ago.

The two sections of the road are now within fifteen miles of junction, the forest reserve crew is grading between the old summit house, two miles beyond Government camp, to White River, four miles away. Another crew is pushing back toward Government camp. The Hood River graders are still in the upper valley.

From Zig Zag to Government camp the forest reserve has put in a graded and graveled highway. From Zig Zag to Sandy Clackamas county crews are finishing grading and the old road, part corduroy, is still in use.

Work on the four miles in Multnomah county to be graded, from the Clackamas county line to the junction with Powell Valley road, is in progress, with a crew grading half a mile from the Clackamas-Multnomah line towards Portland.

## INCREASE OF WAGES IS WANTED BY RAIL MEN

4000 Maintenance of Way Men Ask Minimum Rate Be Fixed at 48c Per Hour.

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—The first step for a general increase of wages for all railroad employees was taken here today before the United States Railroad Labor board.

Four hundred thousand maintenance of way men asked their minimum wage be fixed at 48 cents an hour. The present minimum is 23 cents.

If the labor board grants a wage increase to the maintenance men, other rail unions will immediately ask for a rehearing of their wage scales.

Grable's opening statement was a severe jolt to the railroad representatives who had assembled for the opening of the hearing. No such demands had previously been made and it forecasts another bitter fight on the part of the roads, who had expressed no objection to giving the maintenance of way men a raise above the last cut.

The hearing from the start took on a political atmosphere which had not been expected. Grable launched at once into a discussion of the "living wage" doctrine, laying the foundation apparently for the claims of labor which will be urged upon Senator Cummins' attitude of the act, as the basis for amendment.

## Three Strikers Are Fined in U. S. Court; All are Discharged

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Robert Green, George Schrmann and Martin Chutuk, three of the 14 defendants in the contempt case brought by the O. W. R. & N. company for alleged violation of the federal court's restraining order forbidding picketing in the shipmen's strike, received fines and jail sentences from Federal Judge Wolvertson this morning. The other 11 defendants were discharged.

Green and Schrmann were sentenced to 60 days in the county jail and a fine of \$100 each. Chutuk was fined \$50.

Upon the request of B. A. Green, attorney for the strikers, a 10-day stay of execution was allowed and the bonds of Green and Schrmann were fixed at \$1000 and Chutuk's at \$250.

Pete Mihaljevich, Conrad Brill, Roy E. Baker, Nick Castriano, Mike Durbetz, James Getty, J. Haberman, Henry Melcher, Emil Geska, Stogan Vestica and Nick Eichner were discharged.

## Canby Resident Goes On Beach Vacation

CANBY, Aug. 29.—J. W. Snyder, of this city, has gone to Wheeler, Oregon, where he is enjoying a vacation. He will visit a number of the beach resorts of Tillamook county. This is the first time that Mr. Snyder has seen an ocean, although he has attained the age of 68 years. He has resided in Canby for a number of years, where he is in business, having come from Adelle, near Des Moines, Iowa.

## BOY FALLS IN OLD WELL NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH

Rotten Boards Break Under Weight of Child; Drops Into 30 Feet of Water; Braces Self Against Wall.

Neighbor Comes To Rescue With Hose

## Roy Robinson Not Hurt But Badly Frightened As Result Of Harrowing Experience.

Roy Robinson, nine year old son of C. H. Robinson, 916 11th street, had a narrow escape yesterday afternoon from drowning in an old blind well on the property of Mrs. Kate Newton, 10th and J. Q. Adams street. The well, which has some thirty feet of water in it, was covered over with some boards and soil. The boards, which had become rotted, broke through when Roy ran over them while playing in the lot. The boy is said to have gone to the bottom of the well. He came up to the top and clutched a brick, and by bracing himself with his feet and hands managed to keep to the surface of the water until help arrived.

A man who lives in the neighborhood and whose name was not learned by the parents of the boy or by witnesses, lifted the boy out of the well with the aid of a water hose.

Though badly frightened by his experience Roy was reported unharmed by his fall.

The city council was asked at its special meeting last evening to order the well filled and covered. No action was taken by the council, however.

## 240 PEOPLE DROWN AS CHILEAN VESSEL SINKS

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 29.—Two hundred and forty persons were drowned today when the Chilean passenger steamer Itata sank off the island of Choros, near Coquimbo.

It was believed the sinking of the ship was due to overlaid conditions in the heavy seas.

Belief that all the passengers and members of the crew were drowned was expressed in a report from the cruiser Chacabuco.

The Chacabuco was cruising in the neighborhood of Choros island when the vessel sank.

The Itata was believed to have sunk suddenly.

The theory expressed by members of the crew of the Chacabuco is that the bottom of the Itata was scraped against the rocks near the island and torn completely off.

The Itata had a registered tonnage of 1971 and was built in 1873 by the R. and J. Evans company at Liverpool.

The ship was owned by the Cia Nacional de Vapores and registered at Valparaiso and was flying the Chilean flag.

## Two Freighters Run Ashore in Heavy Fog

SEATTLE, Aug. 29.—The steel freighters Wabash and Gray went ashore in British Columbia waters early this morning in a heavy fog, according to merchant exchange dispatches today. The Wabash, bound from Seattle to the east coast, is ashore on Vancouver Island, 13 miles west of Race Rocks. She will be floated on the next high tide. It is reported. She is operated by the North Atlantic and Western Steamship Line.

The Gray, of the Victoria Whaling Company, Ltd., grounded on Java Reef, 15 miles from Victoria. She is said to be in a dangerous position.

The Nika, which went ashore on Vancouver Island early yesterday, is taking water while the tug Sea Monarch is standing by and the cargo is being lightered on to barges.

## Two Complaints for Divorce Filed Here

Two suits for divorce were filed in the circuit court here yesterday. Rowena E. Reed charges Merrill A. Reed with cruel and inhuman treatment. She asks for the custody of their two children, ages seven and nine, and for \$160 a month for the support of her children and self.

Eva M. Dickson filed suit against Carl F. Dickson, and ask for divorce, charging cruel and inhuman treatment, neglect and questionable conduct. She asks for the custody of their one child.