### HIGHWAY BODY TO **CHANGE DATES TO** AID BRIDGE PLANS

State Highway Body To Defer Formal Opening Til Time Set By Oregon City And Will Alter Day of Meeting.

TROUBLE OVER EARLY TRAFFIC IS SCOUTED

Use of Span By Highschool Students Not Regarded As Serious Commission Feels.

In deferance to Oregon City and West Linn and the plans made for the holding of the opening of the bridge celebration here December 28, the state highway commission has changed the date of its December meeting. The commission voted to open the bridge December 27 and was to meet on the following date. In order not to conflict with the plans for the two municipalities for the holding of the ceremonial the dates of the highway session and the opening date set by that body for the span here have been

The commission together with other on the 28th to take part in the dedica-

Little attention, it was indicated yesterday, will be paid by the commission or either of the cities to the fact that the use of the bridge by West Linn students en route to the recent football game with Oregon City, raised a technicality regarding the acceptance of the span.

It is maintained by some attorneys that the legality of the acceptance of the bridge by the state is raised through the fact that the bridge was opened to traffic.

The unofficial opening of the span to traffic, it is said, may serve as a ficers authorized opening the spanif such authorization was given.

Attorneys say that the bridge, barricaded as it is now, is not public property, not having been accepted by the state from the contractors, and not having yet been dedicated to public use. Recent removal of the barricades at one end, however, by those in charge of the maintenance of the barricades, was in effect, a surrender of the bridge to the public, it is declared-even though this opening to highway commission, which is supposedly in control of the structure.

A change in the entire agreement for paying for the span could grow out of the action, it is indicated if it were found that the guard who allowed passage, was in effect an official of one of the two cities. No steps to this effect, however, are expected by any of the parties to the bridge contract, and no concern over the matter

#### War Contractors Named In Suits to Recover Big Sum

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dev. 4 .- Six additional suits seeking recovery of large sums alleged to have been misspent in construction of the wartime army cantonments were filed today in as many cities by representatives of the department of jutice. The six actions sought to recover \$29,000,00 and brought the total claimed by the government from war contractors to more than \$50,000,000.

According to official figures, Camp furniture was only half covered by in-Lee was, with one exception, the costliest of the war cantonments projects. More than \$18,670,000 was spent on the Virginia training center, \$13,846.
000 at Center, \$11,296,000 at Dodge, \$13,545,000 at Dix \$12,748,00 at Pike and \$9,880,000 at Travis. Camp Knox at Stitson, Ky., holds the high record in cost, \$18,733,189 having been paid, according to war department records, for its construction.

The projects, contractors and sums involved in the six suits were: Camp Travis, San Antonio, Tex., Lee Peters- Kelly decided in municipal court yes burg, Kan., Rhinehard & Dennis, Inc., \$7,000,000; Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich., Porter Bros., \$5,000,000; Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., James Stewart & Co., Inc., \$3,000,000; Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia., Charles Weitz Sons \$4,500,00, and Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., Irwin & Leighton, \$6,500,-

Power belts, such as are used in workshops for transmitting power on a warrant charging him with dis- plete still was found in a dug-out be- in charge of the campaign undertaken from a revolving shaft to a machine, have been run at a rate of nearly 5,-900 feet per minute, but in practice it is seldom an advantage to run them being held at Chief May's hotel will It is expected that the case will be business as a profiable and otherwise over 4,000 feet per minute.

### **PUNATIVE DAMAGE ARE** ASKED FOR AUTO CRASH

Suit Filed In Circuit Court By A. T. Kline; Fred Cool Charged With Bad Driving.

One of the first cases on record here where punative damages have been asked in addition to actual damages as the result of an automobile accident, was filed in the circuit court Monday by A. T. Kline against Fred Cool. A total of \$1950 of which \$1,000 is punative, is asked against Cool. in DENIAL OF BALLOT TO an action in the justice court Monday Cool was convicted of reckless driving and fined \$25 and \$31.50 costs. He has appealed the case to the circuit court. accident on the Pacific Highway south of Canby November 10.

Following his announcemet that traffic offenses would meet no light treatment at his hands, Judge E. J. Noble in the justice court Monday sentenced W. C. Stuart to five days in jail, suspended his license for six months and fined him \$10 and costs for speeding. Stuart had been arrested by Traffic Officer Carl Long.

G. G. Huff, driver for the Union Oil company, arrested by Long for parking on the wrong side of the street was fined \$10 and costs.

Paul Muras, charged with the illegal manufacture of liquor was given a preliminary hearing in the justice court, pleaded not guilty, and is being held in default of \$1000 bail.

G. W. Carlson, of Colton, arrested by Long for being drunk at the Oglesstate officials, will be in Oregon City by dance hall at Meadow brook was fined \$20.

# THREE KILLED IN FIRE

Ben Hur Lodging House Is Engulfed in Flames After Explosion in Engine Room.

PORTLAND Deg. 1.-Three lives technical point upon which Oregon were forfeited, 50 others were endang- ballot did not contain his name al-City and West Linn may seek to avoid payment of their share of the \$40,000 resulted early today when fire that the recorder failed to notify him construction costs; or, on the other gutted the old three-story frame build- to appear and accept the nomination hand, may place the entire burden of ing near Park and Oak streets, oc- as was done in the case of other caned by the Ben Hur lodging

The three men who met death were lodgers and succumbed to smoke and flame inhalations. Their bodies were identified at the morgue. The dead:

J. J. McDonald, white, age and con- H E the American nections not known.

Christosomo Madarang, Filipino, bus boy at Imperial hotel. Tomas Carino, Filipino, same em

ployment. Of the estimated property loss, \$30, 000 represents damage to a stock of traffic was not the act of the state furniture in a store on the ground floor and \$10,000 to building and the furniture of the lodging house on the

two upper floors. The flames broke out about 3 o'clock, almost immediately after an explosion in the furnace room

By the efforts of firemen, more than 50 roomers were rescued from the burning building, many of them carried down ladders from the upper stories.

The building was a relic of old days, It stood directly across from the Telephone building. It extended entirely through the block to Ankeny street. The lodging house was frequented most by transients.

The wooden structure offered ready fuel to the fire, which leaped up in crackling sheets and burned so quickly that occupants had little time to gather their belongings.

The first floor of the building was occupied as a furniture store, the stock being owned by Cohn & Director. All the goods were either destroyed by fire or practically ruined by water. The stock represented what was saved two years ago from the fire at the Meier & Frank warehouse at Broadway and Taylor street

Captain Roberts of the fire marshal's office estimated the loss to the

# 2 IN MUNICIPAL COURT

The holiday spirit may perchance be allowable, but holiday spirits do not mix with gasoline, Recorder C. W. terday, "Red" Carson and M. "Stiffy" Hamilton were taken into custody by night officer Jerry Hemingway on Thanksgiving day. Hamilton was fined \$100 for operating a car while intoxicated and \$50 on charges of being drunk and disorderly. He is still facing a charge of transporting liquor. Carson was fined \$50 for being drunk and disorderly.

Hemmingway arrested Joe Murphy turbing the peace. He was wanted in low his house, the entrance to which by the National Restaurant Associaconnection with a disturbance a month was concealed under the dining room tion to direct the attention of trained ago at the Star cafe. Murphy, who is carpet. appear for trial at 2 o'clock today.

## RECORDER'S RACE AT ESTACADA IS TO BE CONTESTED

F. Bartholomew Claims Vote Not Properly Handled; Election of J. K. Ely Said Illegal: Charges are Made.

TWO PEOPLE IS CITED

The suits are the outgrowth of an Failure of Candidate to File Election Expenses Is Held Violation of State Statute.

> A contest over the city recorder election in Estacada was filed in the circuit court Friday by F. C. Bartholomew against J. K. Ely. Certain illegal practices in the holding of the election are charged.

According to the official count Ely and Bartholomew tried for the posi-J. P. Woodle, justice of the tion. peace there, was also a canidate for the recodership. After considerable contention, lots were drawn and Ely

was officially declared elected. Bartholomew charges that the failure of the judges of election to announce the closing of the polls half Paul Quick, safety engineer for the an hour before the time, as required Coos Bay Lumber company, and A. in the charter, prevented votes being cast for him. He charges further Pine association, are taking the active that George Jack and Clara Nelson lead of a group of dissatisfied employhad not been residents of Estacada for the required length of time.

Permission to vote was refused Bertie Rhodes and Josephine R. Einerson by the judges, Bartholomew claims, and that these votes would have been cast in his favor. He also charges that the list of those voting includes the name of Nellie Hayman, and that the woman did not cast her ballot on the city election and that she was given no city ballot by the judges.

Bartholomew maintains that the didates for the office. He states in the petition that Ely has failed to file his certificate of expenses as required under the corrupt practice act.

### Minister To Siam Sees Phra Kathin

There is more than one wrinkle to being the king of Siam E. E. Brodie, publisher of The Enterprise, serving as minister of the United States to the land of Chang and Eng recently witnessed one of them, the Phra Kathin, whatever that may be. The account of the cerlmonial appeared in the Bangkok, Siam, Times, of October It follows:

Yesterday thousands of people flocked to the vicinity of Banumas Chamrun Palace to witness the Phra Kathin ceremony. It was impossible to drive or walk along the main roads leading to the Grand Palace at three o'clock. Assembled on the lawns in front of the War Office were H. E. the British Minister and Mrs. Greg; H. E. the American Minister and Mrs. Brodie, H. E. the Netherlands Minister; H. E. the Danish Minis-H. E. the Danish Minister. Mrs. Cramer and Miss Cramer; H. the Belgian Minister; Major

Desgruelles, and others. At about half past three the procession from the Palace to Wat Rajapabith commenced. It must have been over a mile long. All the sections of the Army were represented. His Majesty the King. carried on a palanquin born by about twenty bearers, was in military uniform. All along the route he acknowledged the homage of his people, and very graciously smiled and bowed to the salutations of those assembled outside the War Office. Arriving at the temple the King entered and presented the Kathin gifts to the priests. That done the procession wended still further on its way and His Majesty performed similar rites at the Phra Jetubon mon-

#### Paul Muras Given Six Months In Jail For Moonshining

Paul Muras, arrested on charges of the justice court Tuesday and sentenced to serve six months in jail and pay \$500 fine and the costs of the ac-

appealed.

### COMPENSATION LAW TO ENDORSEMENT OF BE CENTER OF BATTLE

Attack of Statute at Next Legislative Session Is Now Seen; Hot Fight Looms.

SALEM, Nov. 30 .- Forces antagonistic to the Oregon compensation ac are busily engaged in organizing their line of battle preparatory to launch ing their fight in the forthcoming legislature, according to reports reach ing Salem, A bill, said to be designed at ripping the Oregon act wide op- LECTURE ON SAFETY en, is now in course of preparation and a powerful lobby, it is understood will be on hand when the lawmakers meet to back up the demands of private insurance interests which are not at all pleased with the exclusive feature of the present law.

Prediction is being made by those in fairly close touch with the situation that the compensation law will be one of the storm centers of the legislative session, as those who seek to change the present compensation system are very determined about the matter.

On the other hand, the friends of the law are equally determined to permit no mutilation of the act which has operated so successfully in this state for the past eight years and which is now being held up as a model in other states.

According to information reaching the state capital, D. H. Moore of the Shevlin-Hixon company of Bend, which has rejected the compensation law; W. Cooper, secretary of the Western

amend the compensation law. It is said they are working in cooperation rangements in course of completion \$12,000 IS IN INVOLVED with certain casualty interests which for the equipping of the rest rooms have persistently attacked the law in the piers. since its enactment. These interests, it is said, want the

compensation law so amended that employers may carry their own compensation insurance under a self-insurance plan and so casualty insurace companies may write compensation

Under the present law neither self insurance nor casualty insurance is permitted, but rather the compensation insurance fund is administered by the state through the state industrial accident commission. It is not now a money making scheme but is a law which provides absolute insurance protection for the employer and at the same time is humane in its provisions for the injured worker and his family.

It is also probable that an amendment will be offered to make the compensation law compulsory upon all hazardous employments. It will be recalled that at the last annual contion of Labor a resolution in favor of a compulsory law was adopted.

# EXPERIMENTAL FIRE IS

Trial Under Ideal Condition Convinces Sheriff Wilson Few Start By Cigarettes.

Fire of paradoxical origin, started in the county court house Tuesday afternoon. The blaze, which almost materialized, was of both natural and incendiary origin.

The attempt to "set" the fire was made by Sheriff W. J. Wilson as an experiment touching upon the many fires which have occurred in Oregon City during the past year.

Practically ideal conditions for natuaral origin of a fire were created. A newspaper was crumbled up and thrown on the floor of the office A cigarette was lighted just right and was placed between the sheets of crumbled paper. Then the sheriff took

For twenty-five minutes the newspaper smouldered. A thin film of smoke arose. Then the fire went out. The cigarette had burned steadily under the slight draft, and had burned up completely without setting the pa-

The little experiment indicates, the 16 Arrests Made By sheriff says, that it is not so easy to start a blaze after all. He does not intend to disapprove the theory that a cigarette both can and often will start a fire, but claims that it demonstrates that natural causes are probably not responsible for the blazes in Oregon City which have accurred with such frequent regularity.

Local and state authorities are making a complete investigation of the fires which have caused more than bailee \$350,000 damage here. No indications manufacturing liquor was convicted in as to the progress of the investigations are made.

Miss Annie Jewett, business mana tion. Muras was arrested when a com- ger of a large Chicago cafeteria, is and educated women to the restaurant desirable profession.

# **COUNTY AGENT IS**

Inclusion of Appropriation In Budget For Next Year Is Endorsed At Meeting Here: Farm Bureau Men Speak.

MOVEMENT IS HEARD facing.

H. H. Herdman Tells of Work Of National Council For Prevention of Accidents.

Endorsement of the inclusion of an appropriation in the county budget for the support of the county agent and the agricultural work in the county, was given by the Live Wires of the local commercial club at their session Tuesday noon. H. H. Chindgren and Martin Stuber, representing the Clackamas County Farm bureau federation appeared before the meeting and asked the endorsement of the Wires for the appropriation for both the county agent and an assistant. Chindgren described the work that is being done by the organization at pres-

Committee Is Named

A committee composed of L. A voted for Ely and that their votes ers in organizing a movement to Henderson, O. D. Eby, and L. E. Jones were not legal for the reason that they amend the compensation law. It is was appointed to determine the ar-

M. D. Latourette, chairman of the bridge dedication committee reported that the program was tenatitively arranged to include the crowning of the queen, a band concert, parade, reception and dedication ceremony in the morning and a banquet in the after-

H. H. Herdman Talks

H. H. Herdman, manager of the Oregon and Columbia division of the Na- promisory notes or cotracts were fil- Judge Ryan said yesterday. "Only the tional Safety council spoke upon the steps that are being taken for the reon of loss of life through was itself, he stated that the country is tract for sale of real estate was filed laboring under the fallacy cited by by John and Marie Lundgren against I found that the labor situation is what Artemis Ward when he said that the Harry R. Warden. Suit of \$3389.30 is the difficulty. The farmers canpeople of this country "knew too many alleged due on a promisory note was not afford to pay the present prices facts that aren't true." One of them, he declared is that accidents are not

Herdman described the means being taken to reach both adolescent and vention of the Oregon State Federa- adult mind with the message of safety. The automobile today is the biggest public menace where life and limb are concerned. He urged personal cooperation with safety movements and individual care in matters which the average citizen was prone to overlook

#### AID IN INVESTIGATION War Saving Stamps Mature January 1; Issue Convertible

War savings certificates, series of 1918, will mature January 1, 1923, and will be payable after that date at \$5.00 for each stamp affixed.

Owners of the 1918 war savings certificates may now apply to exchange the whole or a part of their certificates at maturity value for Treasury savings certificates to be dated January 1, 1923, with the difference either way to be paid in cash, or they may apply for full cash payment to be made at maturity. Accord-

ing to assistant postmaster Howell. War savings certificates presented from now until the first of the year will be paid by check direct to the owner by the Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank at Portland, Oregon Stamps presented after Dec. 31, 1922 will be cash direc through the Post Office but owners of certificates who desire payment promptly on the first of the year should present certificates now in order that payment can be made by the branch of the Federal Reserve Bank.

## Constable Fortune

A total of 16 arrests were made by Constable Ed. Fortune during the month of November according to his report for that period. Five were arrests for speeding, three for assault and battery, three for larceny, two for failure to report accidents, two for non support and one for larceny by

### Roake Foundry Casts Span Lamp Bases

### SURFACING OF MT HOOD LOOP TO BE ADVERTISED

GIVEN BY WIRES State Highway Commission To Open Bids on Sandy Section at Meeting Dec. 13.

Surfacing of the section of the Manas county so advertised for bids by the amay commission according to the section of the commission according to the commission accordin

The state commission has complet ed the figures upon the cost of construction of the south end road under the revised estimates, according to the word received by H. S. Mount, chairman of the street committee.

The estimate calls for the expenditure of \$79,404 from Fifth street and Railroad avenue to the south city

Cost of the Construction of the highway from Fifth street to Seventh street parallel to Railroad avenue is placed at \$13,150 making the mount necessary for the city to expend in the improvement \$92,554. This is exclusive of the amount it will be necessary to expend in condemning property along Rallroad avenue to allow the improvement to

the highway to the point where it con- work is worth \$4.50 a day. The farmnects with the road already constructed is placed at \$49,670. This latter the equalization of their positions that amount will be borne by the highway holds the answer, he declares.

# IN CIRCUIT COURT SUITS

Six Actions Are Begun To Collect On Notes Or To

filed against the Palmer Construction for labor and sell their produce at Company by Exile Burkit, E. J. Chapman filed suit against A. I. and J. Hughes for \$277.50 charging that the defendants had made misrepresentations in sale of certain livestock.

W. J. Pizer et. al., proprietors until a few days ago of the Paramount resturant were sued for \$539,29 on a promisory note given to O. A. Cheney, local grocer. Suit for \$1600 to col lect a promisory note was filed by D. A. Nefzgar against Levi M. Lowry. The Credit Service corporation represented three wholesale concerns filed suit for a total of \$417.45 against W. F. Haberlach.

A judgment for \$365.25 was won in the circuit court by R. De Neui against Rosa Rieder.

Articles of incorporation of the Calgary Community Church have been but the financeers conceed that the filed with the county clerk. The church board named in the incorpation is within ten years the government will composed of R. L. Edwards, Jessie pratically own all of the land. Oth-MacGregor and E. A. Witheridge.

filed by the Spring Station Garage, subsidy under which the government operated by G. H. Brucksman and Charles Hagan, both of Milwaukie. as an essential industry similar to The garage is located on the 82nd coal production. The adjustment of street road at the Southern Pacific the condition, the judge says, is recrossing.

Marriage licenses: Leo. R. Shindler sary food producing power of the naand Mary B. Miller, Milwaukie, Vin- tion. cent H. Riede and Anna Miller, Milwaukie, Richard Johnston and Emma farms, has made many of the farmers Eirich, Clackamas, Lester A. Will and feel that restricted immigration is un-Elizabeth Schienheinz, Hubbard.

Divorces granted: Una M. against believe that the admission of more im-L. E. Belfils, Paloma against Henry migrants is the method of securing Heynemann, Oda against P. W. Jones, cheaper labor for the agricultural re-Elizabeth El against Leonard gions. E. Slider divorce J. H. against Helen W. Dailey, Charity against J. H.

#### Weather In Calgary Now 15 Below Zero

have spent the summer and fall on on the part of large corporations to their farm at Calgary, Alberta, Cana- provide insurance for their men, the da, have returned to their home at amounts increasing with the period of Mount Pleasant. They are sons of service, and to provide for pensions. Mr. and Mrs. George Humphreys, of This he said, is decreasing the labor that place, and have been harvesting turn over and somewhat stabilizing the crops. These were a fallure, ow- the basis of employment, ing to continued dry weather last sum- "I checked up carefully on the liv-The contract for the castings of the -mer. Besides owning a large wheat ing costs throughout the New Engbronze lamps for the new bridge has ranch, the Humphreys family own a land states," Ryan said. "I was greatly been secured by the Reake Foundry. stock ranch at Calgary. When leav- surprised to find that fully sixty per This work is one of the few jobs on ing for Oregon the Humphreys boys cent of the eggs consumed in New the new bridge turned out by a local say the thermometer registered 15 de- England are laid in California. And grees below zero.

# IS DECLARED I

Thomas F. Ryan, President of Bank of Commerce Is Back From 18th Trans-Continent Trip; Many Cities Visited.

GENERAL PROSPERITY OVER EAST IS FOUND

Plenty Of Capital Is Available For Investment Says Local Man; Optimism Is General

When the farmer and the laborer come together upon the matter of wages and not until then, will the solution of the greatest present national economic problem be in sight, in the opinion of Thomas F. Ryan, president of the Bank of Commerce, who has just returned from his 18th transcontinent-

The return of agriculture to a sound basis is the big question of the day, Judge Ryan believes, and the key to the situation is the adjustment of la-Outside the city limits the cost of bor. The laborer believes that his er can only afford to pay \$2.25. It is

In his trip throughout the east, Judge Ryan visited Richmond, Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Hartford, Providence, Boston, Lowell, Albany, Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukie, St. Louis, Kansas City and Denver. He visited ten federal reserve banks and numerous private financial institutions.

Prosperity Forecasted "Financiers throughout the east are confident that the immediate future holds from one and a half to three years of prosperity for the county. Force Contract Completion. Though there are some few who are pessimistic many cannot see any reason why contined industrial and fi-Six suits to collect wither upon nancial prosperity should not prevail," ed in the circuit court Wednesday readjustment of the farming condition involving a total of more than \$12,000. and the restoring of the farmer to the Suit for \$6,000 alleged due on a con-

> the going market rates." The local banker found that living conditions throughout the far east are exceptionally good though the average wage earner seems perfectly willing to pay high prices. Illustrative of the lack of understanding between the laborer and the farmer he points out that in New England, steak is selling for ordinary cuts, at between 60 and 75 cents a pound. Through the middle west a two year old steer brings only \$20. The laborer, he says, feels that the big reurn for the retail commodity is going to the farmer, when check of conditions actually shows

tha; it is not. Laws Not Solution Labor generally, Judge Ryan declares, feels that the condition of the farmer can be remedied by legislation matter is one so fundamental that laws located at Lake Grove and the will not change it. Some feel that ers believe that the condition will be Certificate of assumed name was met by a bonus for the farmers, or a would practically control agriculture garded as vital to protect the neces-

> The labor condition as it affects the desirable, the local banker founl. They

Money Said Plentifal

As the financial outlook itself is Broyles, Chris R. against Emma Bat- concerned, Judge Ryan declared that talion, George aginst Rosa H. McKil- money is plentiful throughout the east ligan, Andrew against Ida E. and that there is plenty of capital Emma Battalion, George against Rosa available for investment. The bankers Hedlund, Alice M. against Stephen I. are expecting a decline in the current Fraser and Al against Fannie Schlos- interest rate which is at present six

per cent. In spite of the general industrial prosperity, there is little disposition on the part of the laboring classes to save. Living is both high and more extravagant than in former years, he declared. The tendency of the laborer to fail to build for the future is attrib-Ralph and Ray Humphreys, who uted to some extent to the tendency

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