

CONTRIBUTOR'S DANGER GROWS AT CITY JAIL

Unclean Condition of Hive of Prisoners Adds Problem for Officials.

MEN PACKED LIKE CATTLE

Exercise Impossible in Corridors That Teem With Erring Humans. Proposal to Build Temporary Quarters Gets Setback.

Pestilence may break out in the City Jail, if some method is not found promptly to remedy the conditions which have existed during the past few weeks. The congestion has reached a point where the ordinary sanitary precautions are no longer possible.

Last night 25 men ate supper in the main jail, and the number grew as the night drew on. Saturday at midnight there were 115 men in the quarters, which are normally intended for not to exceed 50.

Acting Chief Stover walked into the searching room last night and looked around but would only shake his head. Huddled humanity, none of it particularly clean and most of it far from that condition, jammed in the narrow corridors, presented the aspect of a crowd gathered in mass meeting.

Air Foul and Fetid. The instinctive seeking for exercise, expressed in pacing the corridors, was almost entirely cut off, and such as attempted to stretch their limbs were only bumping into the fellow prisoners at every step.

As a temporary expedient, the Acting Chief directed that the cells on the third floor, usually reserved for prisoners kept incommunicado, be filled to capacity, but the downstairs quarters remained congested.

Problem Remains Unsolved. Plans for a temporary jail at Fifth and Everett streets have been made, but no demand for material at that point, could be reopened on two days' notice. The impression exists, however, that this would require action by the City Council and a new agreement with the County Court, as the existing compact is not believed to cover the Rocky Point camp.

Arrests Are Held Down. As cold weather becomes established and construction and woods work slacken, the conditions grow worse, even though the men are confined to a minimum and police captains exercise the maximum of their prerogative of releasing small offenders without trial.

Prerogative in Christmas shopping will result in the placing of an absolutely unfair burden on the delivery horses and their drivers, compelled to attend to work within a period of a few days that should be attended to in a span of weeks.

Realizing this, owners of stores are making more and more urgent their pleas, by means of advertising and other ways, that the festive shopper make his purchases in the early part of the buying of Christmas presents accomplished in the course of the present week. Christmas day is three weeks from today.

Every department store employee, from the managers down to the smallest cash girl, realize that from now on their fate is in the hands of the public. Early shopping will result, it is pointed out, in the clerks and assistants enjoying their Christmas; delay must produce exhaustion so that pleasure of any kind will be greatly lessened.

Therefore the plea, "shop early." Just 18 shopping days to Christmas.

Polish Victory Honored. Commemorative Exercises Are Held by Portland Church.

The Poles of Portland yesterday celebrated the 50th anniversary of the war between Russia and Poland, in the course of which the Polish people for a short time gained their freedom from Russia.

At St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Maryland avenue and Falling street, special commemorative services were held. Speakers eulogizing the Polish people and telling of the great conflict with Russia were made in the afternoon and evening.

Although Poland is under the rule of the Czar, the Polish people are still nominally a free people. A National government was organized during the war commemorated yesterday, an army raised, and in January, 1918, the Polish diet of Warsaw deprived Czar Nicholas and his descendants of imperial authority in Poland.

Bridge Contract is Due. Awards on Broadway Structure May Be Let Today.

Friends of the Broadway bridge are expectantly waiting the meeting of the bridge committee of the Executive

Board this morning when it is expected that the contract for the construction of the superstructure of that span will be awarded. The several bids for this construction work have been carefully tabulated by W. E. Angier, representing Ralph Modjeski, the engineer who is superintending the building of the bridge.

The contract probably will be awarded to the Pennsylvania Steel Company of Steelton, Pa. The bid of this company was \$700,000 or about \$22,000 less than the estimate of Mr. Modjeski.

Everything is in readiness for work on the superstructure, said City Engineer Hurlbut yesterday. "Just as soon as the materials can be shipped and assembled here, contracts have already been let for making the necessary fills for the approaches and the superstructure. In submitting their proposals, the bidders estimated that 13 months would be required to complete the contract. In event the contract is awarded tomorrow and work is immediately started, the new span should be completed and ready for traffic on January 1, 1912."

RESULTS NOW IN DOUBT

GIpsy SMITH GAINS FEW MEMBERS FOR CHURCHES.

Dr. John H. Cudlipp, of Grace Church, Warns His Congregation Against Judging Hastily.

"Gipsy Smith. What Next?" was the topic chosen by Dr. John H. Cudlipp for his sermon last night in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. He said Grace Church received 59 signed cards from the Gipsy Smith services, but that there had not yet been any additions to the church as a result of the meetings, in spite of the fact that Grace Church had 17 workers.

"With the investment of \$14,000 in the big tabernacle, with the big choir of 1000 voices, and with the many personal workers—with that investment, we should expect considerable results, but that is not what has happened, including those signed by the children. The results of the meetings are not to be computed by the number of cards signed, but by what the churches actually gather as members as a result. We ought not to measure the results by the great numbers of cards signed, but by what the churches actually gather as members as a result."

"The Gipsy Smith movement was born five years ago," continued Dr. Cudlipp. "It was started by Dr. William H. Foulkes met in Iowa. As soon as Dr. Foulkes came to Portland he began to plan for it. It had behind it the best laymen and their money. Gipsy Smith himself is a unique character, a sweet-spirited fellow. This is the crucial time, for the great leader is gone, for the great choir is gone, and the tabernacle is vacant, so far as religious work is concerned. The men and women who attended the meetings are now left alone with their own consciences. How many have been attracted to the church, or a better life and endeavor in the days to come is the question now."

GRANGE HIGHLY HONORED

J. J. Johnson Master of Evening Star for Ninth Time.

J. J. Johnson was re-elected master of Evening Star Grange, No. 87, at the annual meeting in the hall on the Section Line road Saturday. He has served eight years, and this will be his ninth year, which is very unusual in the order in Oregon.

Other officers elected are: Overseer, L. D. Elliott; lecturer, Mrs. J. N. Nelson; steward, E. J. Spooner; assistant steward, J. E. Nelson; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Lura Beckner; chaplain, Mrs. E. A. Kelly; treasurer, Mrs. E. Spooner; secretary, Mrs. M. E. Eaton; gatekeeper, Andrew Helm; cerea, Addie Calvin; Pomona, Miss Fann Allen; Flora, Miss Clara Gibble; Uranian, E. M. Emery and H. Covey; for two years; musician, Miss Minnie Altman; assistant musician, Miss Clara Smith.

At this meeting the by-laws were amended, changing dues from 10 to 15 cents a member. The increase will not go to the State Grange, but will be retained in the Evening Star, which retains its place as the largest grange in the state. It was voted to hold a public installation of officers the first Saturday in January.

CAR SERVICE DEMANDED

Residents of South Mount Taber Want Line Extended.

Declaring that they must have street car service, the people of South Mount Taber will meet tonight in the school-house there to consider ways and means to get the Waverly-Richmond line extended. Dr. Hamilton Meade, leader of the movement, said yesterday that the residents are determined to get car service to their homes. He said that they had been working for a carline for several years without success, but intend now to resume the agitation.

Alfred Niblin, a resident in the Section Line road, said that it will not be difficult to get rights-of-way through private property for an extension of the Waverly-Richmond line, but that the county has refused to give a franchise in the Section Line or any of the county roads. Mr. Niblin contends that the extension of the Waverly-Richmond line is the logical means of giving car service to South Mount Taber.

STRIKERS ACCUSE OFFICER

Quarantine of House Near Carshope Is Declared Unfair.

Placing a house under quarantine to hamper the work of the strike pickets near the Southern Pacific Railroad shops is charged by the pickets against Patrolman Bunn, according to a report made by the strikers yesterday. The pickets allege that the house is one used by them for telephoning and communicating with their leaders. They asserted that the action was inspired by the railroad company.

Bunn says the fact is that he and Officer Simpson had information that there was a case of typhoid fever in a house at 1213 Bismarck street, and they went together to investigate. Simpson went in, while Bunn remained outside and in a separate report says that there is no disease in the house.

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Tomatoes—Solid Pack, selling at, per dozen, \$1.40 Corn—Standard, during this sale at, the case, \$1.85 Peas—Extra Sifted, bargained at, the dozen, \$2.10 Peas—Extra Sifted, during this sale, the case, \$4.00 Peas—Choice Stock, priced at only, the dozen, \$1.75 Peas—Choice Stock, priced at only, the case, \$3.40 Apricots—Supreme, priced at only, the dozen, \$2.90 Apricots—Supreme, priced at only, the case, \$5.75 Apricots—Staple, priced here at only, the doz., \$2.10 Apricots—Staple, priced here at only, the case, \$4.10

Crosse & Blackwell's Lucca Oil, only 75¢ Golden Glow Butter, 2-lb. square for 75¢ Kingsford's Laundry Starch, 6-lb. box, 55¢

CLYDE IS OPPOSED

Objection Raised as to Improvement Ordinance.

MIGHT DELAY NEW WORK Proposed Improvements Could Be Defeated by Few Objectors, A Defeated Member of Council—Other Members Talk in Favor.

Some opposition has developed to the ordinance proposed by Councilman Clyde prohibiting the City Council from awarding contracts for street improvements when the cost of such improvements exceeds the assessed valuation of the property required to pay for the improvement.

In substance, Mr. Clyde's proposed measure provides that no lot or tract of land or parcel of either shall be assessed for any local or special improvement, including all unpaid assessments or previously bonded liens, an amount greater than the assessed valuation of the property as shown by the last annual assessment by the City Assessor.

Blindling Only on Council. "The proposed ordinance is not illegal, but it is entirely useless and impractical," said City Attorney Grant yesterday, "by reason of the fact that if enacted it would be binding only on the Council which adopted it. Besides, the Council now has the right to remedy the very condition sought to be corrected by this measure. The Council has the power today to investigate any proposed improvement and to ascertain whether the cost thereof is out of proportion to the value of the property to be assessed for the improvement. It has the power to refuse to award the contract for the improvement."

Members of the City Council are divided as to the practicability of the ordinance. Several of the Councilmen were out of the city yesterday, but H. W. Wallace and John H. Burgard concurred with the view of City Attorney Grant.

"The charter gives the Council ample authority now to deal with the question of street and other improvements assessed to the property benefited," said Mr. Burgard, "and there is no need for the ordinance proposed by Mr. Clyde. It would be a mistake to enact any legislation that would in any way make possible checking the further and continued improvement this city is enjoying."

Joy Increases New Move. Allan J. Joy, Councilman from the Seventh Ward, endorsed the proposed ordinance. "No arbitrary assessment should be authorized by the city against property for any improvement

when that assessment reaches an amount greater than that for which the city would be willing to take over the property," said Mr. Joy. "As a member of the street committee I always have favored placing a proper limitation on the cost to the property-owners of the cost of all improvements. The ordinance should, and I believe it will, be enacted by the Council."

"If am not prepared to support the measure that has been proposed until I have a better understanding of its purpose apparently is good but I am doubtful of what will result from its operation. I shall not support any legislation which, in its operation, will in any way retard the improvements that

are being made and others that are necessary in this city."

"I am afraid the provisions of the ordinance proposed by Mr. Clyde would make it possible to defeat many needed improvements. This would be the case in some sections of the city where there was great need for the improvement of a street. The large majority of the property-owners interested might want the improvement made although its cost might prove a heavy assessment against their property, even exceeding the assessed valuation. In that event, two or three or at least a minority of the property-owners would be able to defeat the improvement although it might meet a public demand as well as materially benefitting and

adding to the value of the property to be improved."

Grants Pass Firemen Named. GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A. T. Case and Hank Croissant were appointed today to serve as paid firemen at a regular salary. Case will be assistant chauffeur. It is the object of the Council to have the fire company reorganized and put on a salaried basis. Drills will be held regularly and the firemen will all be brought to efficiency in handling the equipment furnished with the auto

IMPORTANT THAT PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GREAT KIDNEY REMEDY. The testimonial I am to give you comes unasked for. I have been suffering from lumbago for ten years and at times was unable to stand erect. A Mr. Dean, of this city, saw me in my condition (sent over) and inquired the cause. I told him that I had the lumbago. He replied, "If you get what I tell you to, you need not have it." I said I would take anything for ease. He said, "You get two bottles of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root and take it, and if it does not fix you O. K. I will pay for the medicine myself." I did not see a man a week. For five months I have been as well as could be. Before I took your Swamp-Root was in constant pain day and night. This may look like advertising, but it seems to me most important that the public should be made familiar with this treatment as it is the only one I know which is an absolute cure. I owe a great deal to Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and am anxious that others situated as I was should know and take advantage of it. Hoping that this testimonial may be of benefit to some one, I am,

J. A. HOWLAND, 1734 Humboldt St., Denver, Col. State of Colorado City and County of Denver ss. I, Daniel H. Draper, Notary Public in and for the city and county of the State of Colorado, J. A. Howland, known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the above statement and upon his oath declares that it is a true and correct statement. DANIEL H. DRAPER, Notary Public.

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