CRITICISM DRAWS ARCHITECT'S REPL

Mr. Whidden Declined to Give Out Plans Instead of Refusing, He Asserts.

COMMITTEE MISSES POINT

Michael Murnane, Recently Dismissed as Bridge Superintendent, Says Job Was Not Reward for Aidling Mr. Holman.

William M. Whidden, member of Whidden & Lewis, architects of the County Courthouse, whose withholding of plans and specifications from the joint committee of the Taxpayers' and Non-Partisan leagues that is investi-Non-Partisan leagues that is investi-gating county affairs was criticised Thursday, appeared before the commit-tee at its session yesterday morning. He carried a copy of The Oregonian. He opened it to the story of Thursday's session and demanded to know if the account of the meeting expressed the sentiments of the committee. sentiments of the committee.

"I haven't read it yet," said Dr. A. J. Giesy, chairman of the committee. Glesy, chairman of the committee.
Mr. Whidden said he would wait
while Dr. Glesy read the account. Dr.
Glesy read it from beginning to end,
and then remarked to Mr. Whidden: "That's practically the transaction as it occurred."

Mr. Whidden replied that if so, the attitude of the committee was unjust to him. He asked for the opinion of the committee.

The general opinion is this," said Giesy: "That we have asked for plans and specifications of the Courthouse, with no idea of criticism; on the other hand, with the idea of putting a stop to the inuendoes in regard to the building of the Courthouse that are heard in the streets,

"We have asked, as taxpayers," he continued, "for the plans and specifications, in order that we might make our investigation, and we have been unable

to get them, or it has seemed so.
"Now, there is and has been a great deal of street talk about the Courthouse, and we felt that this was a good opportunity to get to the bottom of it and clear it all up. All we want is the truth; we are not after anything else."

Mr. Whidden Only "Declined," Mr. Whidden reiterated that the state-ments of members of the committee were ments of members of the committee white the statement made to the committee on Thursday by George Mason, manager of the Non-Partisan League, that Mf. Whidden had refused, to give him the plans and specifications for the committee. tee, he assected warmly that he had not refused—that he had merely declined. Mr. Whidden's fine distinction between "refuse" and "decline" appeared to be not altogether clear to the com-

for this, I was told by employes that I couldn't have the plans, and that they had orders not to give them out."

He had talked to Mr. Whidden over the telephone, and Mr. Whidden had declined to let the committee have the plans, giving as a reason that the County Commissioners had not answered a certain letter and telegram he had sent them previously from Los Angeles, asking what the investigation was all about and what was wanted of him.

American McCredy's was lost until aunt and necreaty season. Mrs. J. J. McCredy remained at Season were to Portland. There Mary, her mother and uncle met Mrs. McCredy and the family reunion was complete. Mrs. McCredy has wired her husband of his new-found relatives and if he can arrange his business he, too, will visit Portland.

den told the committee that on his re-turn, neither letter nor telegram having been answered, he had asked Commis-sioner Lightner and Commissioner Hart about it, and they had told him to go for information to Commissioner Hol-man who was a second to the commissioner Hol-man who was a second to the commissioner Holman, who was responsible for the in-

"He'll Not Go to Holman." "And I'll be d-d if I'll do it," Mr. Whidden concluded, hotly.

"This seems to be a controversy be-tween you and the County Board tha this committee has nothing to do with suggested Dr. Giesy. He added that it should not prevent Mr. Whidden from giving the committee any assistance

and information in his power.
"Well, I don't know what it's all about," insisted Mr. Whidden. He declined to give the committee any plans intil his telegram was answered by

"This committee is appointed by tax-payers," replied Dr. Glesy, "and we cer-tainly have a right to this informa-

This is not a legal body, and we can't swear witnesses, we don't want to swear them. We have shown so far, we believe, that we have no favorites

and no enemies. We feel that we should Mr. Whidden Declines Again,

After much more talk, most of it not sterial to the investigation, Mr. material to the investigation, Mr. Whidden said that he would not give the committee any of the plans and specifications in his possession. He also declined to appear before the com-

"If the Board of Commissioners asks for the general plans to give to you, they can have them," he said. "But I don't know what is in them. If the board will wait until we have time to complete the detailed copy of the plans we are preparing for them, they can have everything in regular order He declared further that the Com missioners had been given general plans of the Courthouse, which the committee had been informed by members of the board was not the case. Specifications on every contract in the building of the Courthouse, Mr. Whid-

den said, were on file with the con-tracts in official records of the Com-The other event of moment at yesterday's session was the testimony of Michael Murnane, ex-superintendent of biges and ferries for the county. Mr.

his appointment, Commissioner Hart, then an enemy of Mr. Lightner, came to him with a list of county employes.
Many names were checked. These, according to Mr. Murnane, Mr. Hart said, ago.

were friends of Lightner and must be

An investigation showed that the morning crew of the ferry Sellwood was not attending to duty. Mr. Murnane said, and they were dismissed for that reason. He said that Mr. Hart was in such a hurry that he "fired" the whole afternoon crew without waiting for Murnane to investigate and on his own responsibility.

responsibility.
Later, after Mr. Hart had veered back to the side of Mr. Lightner, Murnane testified that he got orders to reinstate many of Mr. Lightner's friends previously dismissed. Mr. Murnane declared with emphasis that he himself allemicals except under had made no dismissals except under instructions.

Aiding Holman Denied. He added that he wanted to take the occasion to reply to stories that he had worked for Commissioner Holman's election in the Legislature, of which he was a member, and had got his ap-

he was a member, and had got in appointment here as a reward.
"That is all false," said Mr. Murnane.
"I had barely met Mr. Holman and I did not work for him. I was appointed here after I had talked with Commissloner Hart and had presented refer-ences from M. J. Buckley, superintendent, and many other officials of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, with which I worked for 25 years, highly recom-

mending me."
Commissioner Holman asked the privilege of making a statement.

Constructive Plan Claimed. "I want you to bear in mind all the time that I am endeavoring to do some constructive thing." he told the committee. "What I am driving at is that I hope in the end this investigation will result in something constructive. With fear perhaps of seeming boastful, I make the assertion that every constructive act, every orderly thing done on the Board, had been done on my resolution. When all this disagreeable part of it is over, the absolute neceson the Board, had been tone con-resolution. When all this disagreeable part of it is over, the absolute neces-sity of interesting public opinion in the affairs of the county and the necessity of some methodical and orderly way of doing county business, will be demon-strated. That is the end I have had in

view throughout."

C. A. Mackensie, an expert accountant employed by Mr. Holman to Instruct county officers in use of the administrative code, which it has been charged, after being bought for \$1000, has been ignored by the Commissioners, testified to certain phases of the code. He did not appear to be especially impressed with its usefulness. He declared with positiveness, however, that clared with positiveness, however, that improvements could be made in the methods of accounting employed by the

The committee adjourned, subject to the call of Chairman Glesy.

NIEGE FINDS LOST AUNT

SOCIAL NOTE IN THE OREGONIAN RHINGS FAMILY REUNION.

Relatives Separated 24 Years Ago Discovered When Mrs. Robert Mc-Credy Sees Personal.

SEASIDE, Or., Aug. 14 .- (Special.)-Because her mother rend the Seaside social notes in The Sunday Oregonian, Miss Mary Florence McCredy, of Portland, has found an aunt and a family that separated 24 years ago in Dublin, Ireland, has been reunited. The aunt is Mrs. J. J. McCredy, wife of one of the leading barristers of Cranbrook, Can-

to be not altogether clear to the committee. The members were plainly pissively by the rheforical technicality intended by the rheforical technicality intended. Mr. Mason readily admitted that Mr. Whidden might have said that he "declined," instead of that he "rainly not intended any misrepresentation in using the word "refused" to the committee. He made it plain, however, that Mr. Whidden's declination had been a firm one.

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Mr. Lewis Denies Authority.

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I got the authorization, and presented it. After waiting for 10 days for this, I was told by smployes that I

HENRY WEISSENFLUR'S LIFE IS SAVED BY A. JARRED'S BULLET.

Bill Smalley, Suddenly Insane, Turns on Laborer, Poises Weapon for Blow, Drops at Gun's Crack.

ELLENSBURG, Wash, Aug. 14.— (Special.)—Bill Smalley, 50, became suddenly insane at 5 o'clock this morn-ing at the Cascade Lumber Company

camp near South Cle Elum.

He grabbed a double-bitted woodman's ax and went after Henry Welssenfluh, 24, who was near the tent. Weissenfluh started to run away, with Weissenfluh started to run away, with Smalley close at his heels. After rac-ing about 100 yards Smalley overtook Weissenfluh and was about to bring the ax down upon his head when a well-directed rifle shot by Arthur Jar-

red killed Smalley instantly.

Other members of the camp were quick to respond to the frantic calls for help by Weissenfluh, but few realized what had taken place until after the affair was all over.

Jarred was placed under arrest unjuried was placed under arrest unjuried to the members of the

der protest from the members of the camp, who were loud in their praise of his act. The Coroner's inquest, held this afternoon at Cle Elum, exonerated Jarred and discharged him from custody, finding that his act was justifiable in saving the life of Weissenfluh.

GOVERNOR WEST TO DECIDE If Closing Hunting Season Will Halt

Forest Fires It May Be Done. Governor West will be urged to

Governor West will be urged to close the deer hunting season at once in case it is his opinion that this may have any influence to prevent the origin or spread of forest fires during the dry months. The Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday favored this plan at the meeting of its board of trustees and a message embodying the idea will be dispatched to the Governor at once.

Governor at once.

The Chamber of Commerce of Cordova has sent a message urging that a move be made to secure the opening of the Alaska coal lands, and pointing commissioner Holman took office and out that the war may cut off the supply from British Columbia at any time onte of Commissioners Lightner and tart, who were in harmony on that articular occasion.

Mr. Murnane declared that just after a appropriate that the war may cut off the supply from British Columbia at any time. The Portland Chamber indorsed the plan and will notify the representatives in Congress of its urgent desire that steps to put it into effect be taken as soon as possible.

STILL THREATENING

Two Bad Blazes Reported in Linn County and Homesteader Loses Property.

Commercial Timber Declared in Danger at Several Places and Extra Forces of Fighters Are Being Sent as Precaution.

........ STATUS OF NORTHWEST FOREST

Serious fire starts near Detroit. Foster fire has burned 1000 acres one farmer's home and barn fall before flames.

Mill valued at \$115,000 burns at Green Point and commercial timber is threatened. Fire at Grover reported under control without serious loss, but 160 men are kept on watch as precau-

Cascade fire said to be endangering private holdings. Small fire starts near London.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 14 .- (Special.)-Late reports here tenight indicate that the forest fire burning six miles northwest of Detroit, in township 9 south, range 5 east, is yet confined to an old burn and is doing no damage. It is a big fire, however, and rangers of the Government Forest Service are making

here only late this afternoon from the ful books. One of these, "The Jungle, scene of the big fire on Smith River, in its day a "best seller," was aimed between Fish Lake and Belknap at conditions in the Chicago stock-

without sending men from a distance.

A fire, which started yesterday 11 miles northeast of Foster, has covered 1000 acres already and swept away in its path the house and barn of John Roberts. It is burning flercely and is the most dangerous fire in this section of the state this year. Roberts, who resided alone on his mountain ranch, escaped, but was forced to abandon most of his personal property, which was destroyed. No stock is reported lost. The house of Danlel Brady had a narrow escape from destruction.

The fire situation in the state The fire situation in the state remained about the same last night, according to reports received from Columbia, Clackamas, Marien, Linn, Western Lane and Clatsop counties. A new fire was reported as burning east of Foster, in Linn County. It is in an old burn and quite extensive in a county of 25 to 20 men is week. an old burn and quite extensive in area. A force of 25 to 30 men is work-

ing to hold it from reaching green timber. "So far there has been practically "So far there has been practically no loss of green timber in the state," said C. S. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Forest Fire Association. "The woods are in drier condition than they have been in years, and only the utmost vigilance on the part of the fire protection forces and thorough co-operation on the part of the public using the mountains for recreation purposes can carry us through without loss.

"Campers and hunters are a great source of danger. Many of the fires we have had to fight have been traced directly to camp fires. Governor West has issued a warning to hunters that if more fires result from their carelessness he will close the hunting season, as he has authority by law to do."

GREEN POINT MILL IS BURNED

Loss Estimated at \$115,000, With

Insurance of \$62,500.

Hood River, Or. Aug. 14—(Special.)—The mill of the Stanley-Smith Lumber Company at Green Point was destroyed by fire last night, presumably catching from a forest fire in the vicinity. The mill plant, blacksmith shop and oilhouse were destroyed. The plant was valued at \$115,000, with insurance of \$62,500. It had a capacity of 150,000 feet and had been idle for some time. It will be rebuilt.

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some time. It will be rebuilt.

The forest fire has spread from Chinedere Mountain and is burning fercely in the Green Point region. Having received a report that the fire was eating its way into timber of the Stanley-Smith Company. Manager Robertson Issued an order to city officially and possible in the cials to hire all men possible in the city and send them to the company's local office. The crews from the company's planing mill and box plant near the city have been rushed to help the rangers.

RAINFALL SHORT IN 50 DAYS

Cottage Grove Gets Few Drops but

Not Enough to Put Out Fires. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 14 .-(Special.)—With continued dry and hot weather the danger of forest fires is becoming real and several serious confiagrations have been prevented only by prompt and heroic work on the part of fire wardens and assistants.

A report reached here today that there was a serious fire in progress near London, 12 miles from here, but hunters returning from there say that

near London. 12 miles from here, but hunters returning from there say that the situation is not serious yet, al-though they found so many fires that hunting was impossible.

There has been but one small rain

here in 50 days and the thermometer has been hovering close to the 100 mark for two weeks.

GLOVER FIRE HELD IN CHECK

No Damage Due, but 160 Men Are Kept on Hand as Precaution.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)
—Although the fire which sprang up in
Mount Emily Timber Company's holdings at Glover, 11 miles northwest of
here, yesterday and which burned with,

considerable fury all night is said to be under control at this time, 160 men have been kept on the job all day and tonight are holding the blaze to a small area of second growth timber. With favorable weather conditions it is hoped to extinguish the fire before any great damage is done.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—
State Forester Elliott today instructed a supervising warden to make preparations for preventing the big fire near Cascade, in the Oregon National Forest, from spreading to other land. T. J. Sherard, supervisor of the forest, notified the State Forester today that the blaze was a big one and probably would spread to private property in Hood River County.

Wenaha Reserve Has Small Fire. WALLA WALDA, Wash., Aug. 14.—
(Special.)—N. M. Unser, of the forestry
office, returned late last night from
Tell Gate in the Wenaha reserve, where
a small fire kept three men busy. Nine
acres were burned over.

CUPID HERE WITH BUYERS

Yainax Merchant Takes Bride While Attending Festivities.

Though prosy business reasons actuated the majority of visitors in attendance at Fortland's Buyers' Week, romance was not to be denied, and little Dan Cupid made the occasion one for the marriage of B. E. Wolford, a merchant of Yainax, who met his bride-to-be and was married Wednesday aft-

The little ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the First Pres-byterian Church, with Rev. Levi Johnson, assistant pastor, officiating. The bride was Miss Anna B. Grane, for-merly of West Salem, Wis. For the last year she was matron at the Klamath Indian Reservation, Yainax is near Klamuth Falls. In common with the majority of vis-itors, Mr. Wolford thinks Buyers' Week is a splendid idea.

"THE JUNGLE" IS IN FILM Upton Sinclair, Himself, Even Takes

Role in Majestic Show. Time was, before Upton Sinclair beevery effort to control it.

gan to devote his energies to heckling the Rockefellers, that he wrote power-

scene of the big fire on Smith River, between Fish Lake and Belknap Springs, which is now under control. F. H. Brundage, supervisor of the Santiam National Forest, left tonight for the Detroit fire, using a railroad speeder from Mill City.

Tweive men are at this fire now and the remainder of the 26 Government, men available in that vicinity will be there in the morning.

Mr. Brundage said that the Hoover Timber Company had volunteered to close its logging camp and send its men to the fire so a sufficient force to control the fire will be available without sending men from a distance.

A fire, which started yesterday 11

Vocational Needs of Community to Be Appraised by Commission.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 14.— (Special.)—Vancouver is to be surveyed by the vocational commission of the Department of Education, appointed

E. S. Lindstrom, of Utics, N. Y., and E. D. Linstrom, of Chicago, brothers of Bernard C. Linstrom, who was

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FIRE THREATENS BLOCK three restaurants and a grocery store.
The fire was the fourth in the block within the last three months. The Blaze Starts on Roof of North cause is unknown.

Fourth-Street Coffee-House. Fire, starting on the roof of a Greek
Coffee-house at 46 North Fourth street
last night, spread to the roofs of the
adjoining buildings, and damaged the
half block between Couch and Davis

killed last Friday by Mrs. Della Marsh, will leave tonight with their brother's body for North Bergen, N. J., where the body will be laid to rest in the family plot. The body of the dead man is now in the parlors of Dunning & McEntee.

THE THE ATENIC DIGCY

CRAMER—The tuneral services of Frederick A., Infant son of Rev. Albert F. and Lena Cramer, who died in this city, Aug. 14, will take place today (Saturday), at 2 P. M. from the Fire German Methodist Church, corner of 15th and Hoyt Remains will be at the pariors of the Ricews Undertaking Ch., until 12 M. Friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment Riverview Complete.

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