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Issue of \$300,000 Authorized and Action on Contract Will Soon Be Taken.

MEDFORD, Or., May 23.—(Special).—Medford voted five to one today in favor of amending the city charter, authorizing the city to vote \$300,000 bonds for the construction of a railroad to the Blue Ledge mine.

In spite of the unfavorable weather a large vote was polled, the result being 1331 for and 295 against the issue. The largest majority for the bonds was in the First Ward, with 458 for the bonds and 82 against.

When informed of the vote, S. E. Bullis, owner of the traction company, which proposes to build the road, said he would now offer a contract to the city which he believed would be accepted by as large a majority.

A second election will be held in the near future, when the people will vote upon the contract and, if that passes, construction will be started as soon as the bonds are marketed.

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ASHLAND, Or., May 23.—(Special).—Petitions are being circulated here today for the recall of Bert R. Greer, chairman of the Springs Water Commission. The complaint charges wrong methods of letting contracts on \$100,000 of work, and 20,000 booklets without competitive bids. The \$100,000 contract was awarded to Smith Emery & Co. of San Francisco.

Let job to the Ashland Printing Company, of which Greer is president. The petitions will require 400 signatures, of which number the petitioners declare 200 already have been obtained.

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ROME, via Paris, May 23.—Along the Isonzo front the Italians have made prisoners of Bulgarians, showing that Bulgars have joined the Austrians in their present offensive.

The Austrian heavy guns are much more numerous in this region than those of the Italians, but they have not been able to overcome the well-organized Italian defenses, which thus far have checked the Austrian advance along the whole Isonzo line.

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WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 23.—(Special).—All records were broken last night for low temperatures this late in the year. The minimum temperature being 37 degrees, the ground temperature being dangerously near the freezing point.

There was no frost this morning, although warnings were sent out. Clouds kept the temperature up till midnight, when the mercury began climbing again.

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ROSEBURG, Or., May 23.—(Special).—When a circus decided to show outside the city limits and thereby escape payment of the required license, Mayor Rice late yesterday called a special meeting of the Council and fathered the passage of an ordinance making it necessary for the circus to pay a fee of \$50 for using the streets of the city for parade purposes.

The circus decided to pay the fee rather than abandon the parade.

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LONDON, May 23.—Captain Cooke, of the American steamship Cumano, reported to the American Consul-General at London today that he had rescued the officers and crew of the British steamship Ross, which was sunk by a German submarine April 25.

Captain Cooke said that the men had half an hour to leave the ship, which was then blown up.

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GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, May 23.—(Special).—It is predicted by persons from the mountains that the high water in June will break the record.

They give as their reason the fact that last winter the snowfall was exceedingly heavy and little of it has melted so far on account of the cold weather.

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WINNIPEG, Man., May 23.—(Special).—On a charge of defrauding his wife out of property valued at \$25,000, H. Ford appeared before Judge Meyer, in Court of King's Bench today and sought extradition proceedings brought by the state of Oregon.

There is much evidence to be heard.

WAITE SHAKEN AS EVIDENCE PILES UP

State's Chain in Murder Case Unbroken.

DEFENDANT WILL TAKE STAND

Prisoner's Wife and "Studio" Companion to Be Called.

MYSTERY WILL BE BARED

"K. Adams," Who Warned That Crime Had Been Committed, to Be Witness Today—Rumor Says Woman Will Appear.

NEW YORK BUSIEST PORT

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WASHINGTON, May 23.—War trade has made New York within the last year the world's busiest port. The American city has exceeded by \$200,000,000 London's annual import and export business.

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CITY SHY 1 COMMISSIONER

Mayor's Absence Leaves Public Safety Office Unfilled.

During the absence from the city this week of Mayor Albee, the city is not Mayorless, but it was found yesterday that it has no Commissioner of Public Safety, which office Mayor Albee holds also. Commissioner Daly is acting Mayor.

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2000 CHILDREN ARE TO FORM CHORUS

ORCHESTRA OF 100 YOUNGSTERS TO PROVIDE MUSIC.

William H. Boyer Training Pupils of 16 Schools for Open-Air Concert June 6.

A chorus of 2000 school children, with accompaniments played by an orchestra consisting of 100 children from the four high schools of this city, for a concert on the afternoon of June 6, on the Multnomah Field, is being directed by William H. Boyer, supervisor of music in Portland public schools.

National songs will be sung by children selected from the eighth and ninth grade classes of the schools, and it is estimated that 200 of the boys will sing the bass parts. Three-part songs will be sung, principally. National songs will be sung at the opening and closing of the programme.

Forty-six Portland schools will be represented in the chorus membership. The first rehearsal of the series was held yesterday at Lincoln High School auditorium, the singers being from West Side schools.

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock pupils from the following schools will meet for rehearsal at Jefferson High School: Albina Homestead, Central, Elliot, Highland, Kennedy, Kenton, Thompson, Oakley, Green, Peninsula, Portsmouth, Shaver, Vinson and Woodlawn.

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FRENCH WITHSTAND TITANIC ASSAULTS

Verdun Battle Grows Bloodier Than Ever.

GERMANS HURL BLOW ON BLOW AT FORTRESS IN VAIN.

FOES BUT FEW FEET APART

TENTON FORCES STILL CLING TO ONE CORNER OF DOUAUMONT, BUT FAIL TO DRIVE ENEMY FROM SECTION TAKEN MONDAY.

LONDON, May 23.—(Special).—Today witnessed the bloodiest fighting in the whole battle of Verdun. The struggle of the first days of the German assault, or of the second mighty effort to overwhelm the fortress, fade into nothing compared with the titanic force of today's blows. And their net result, so far as the Germans are concerned, was to leave the battle lines where the French had left them after the successful counter attacks of yesterday.

Only about the Thiaumont farm, east of the Meuse, does Paris admit the loss of a single foot of ground. Berlin itself claims only the capture of a small blockhouse west of the river and of a sap mine near Vaux. For the rest it contents itself with reporting the repulse of the French attacks.

Every Available Man Used. Every available man and every available gun except those actually necessary for the reserves the Germans have mustered into the battle. They made a supreme effort to recapture Fort Douaumont, which in their absorption at Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme, they had neglected to prepare against the contingency of French surprise, but the French grip on their old fortifications was too strong.

Assault after assault, so many of them that they literally flowed into each other until even the French could not distinguish them, was delivered within the old ramparts. It was a repetition of the hand-to-hand struggle in the streets of Vaux.

To one corner of the abandoned fort the Germans still clung desperately. The French fought their way so close that had the opposing troops stood up in the trenches, they could almost have clasped hands across them.

Germans Cannot Escape. There the Germans are still holding out, unable to advance and cut off from all escape. They are repeating the feat of the Brandenburgers who first captured the fort. Isolated from their comrades for days, nevertheless they succeeded in repelling all French attempts to regain the work.

Le Mort Homme and Hill 304 continue to bear the brunt of the attack west of the Meuse, though Paris asserts that only once were the German warships.

MR. BAKER FAVORS TRAINING FOR ALL REORGANIZATION OF MILITIA TO BE TAKEN UP FIRST.

Senator Chamberlain Confers With Secretary, and Announces Plan to Call for Action on Camp Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Secretary Baker began an exhaustive study today of the Re-Organization of the Militia bill, a view to undertaking the authorized reorganization of the regular Army and National Guard as soon as the measure is signed by the President.

Reorganization of the militia will be dealt with first. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate military committee, conferred with Mr. Baker late today regarding administrative features of the new legislation. The Senator said he planned to call up before the military committee Friday his bill for universal military training in schools and camps.

Secretary Baker for the first time since he became head of the War Department, expressed his views on universal military service.

"Every citizen in under obligation to serve for the defense of his country," he said. "In view of the universality of the obligation, I favor universal training through some system of selection that will provide adequate defense for the country."

He added, however, that he was not in favor of a system that would compel every citizen to become a seasoned soldier and intimated his belief that compulsory service was unnecessary at this time, since training of citizens had been inaugurated on so broad a scale in schools and army camps.

4 OF FAMILY IN 1 CLASS

Three Sisters and Brother at Albany to Graduate Together.

ALBANY, Or., May 23.—(Special).—Four members of the same family, three sisters and a brother, will graduate together in the class of 1916 of the Albany High School. This furnishes a coincidence said to be unparalleled in Oregon school circles.

The four graduates are Misses Mary Frances Myers, Hallie Rhodes Myers, Helen Stebbins Myers and Lyndon L. Myers, all children of Mrs. Nellie Myers, of this city. They have all been prominent in scholastic work and have taken a prominent part in the various activities of the high school. Lyndon Myers was a member of the school's inter-scholastic debating team this year, which won the championship of the Central Willamette district.

SKELETON ENDS MYSTERY

Disappearance of Harrisburg Man 18 Years Ago Explained.

EUGENE, Or., May 23.—(Special).—Discovery of a human skeleton yesterday in the forest on Cash Creek, 40 miles from here, clears up a mystery of 18 years' standing. The remains were identified as those of J. H. Buckman, of Harrisburg, who disappeared November 18, 1898, while hunting with C. M. Morris at Eugene.

Mr. Morris came to Eugene today and identified the skeleton by a watch and other articles found with the bones. He said he believed his companion perished in a snow storm.

BERLIN TO ASK NEW LOAN

German Government Said to Be Considering Raising \$2,500,000,000.

COPENHAGEN, via London, May 23.—The German government, according to the Vossische Zeitung (Berlin), early in June will propose a bill for a new war loan of 10,000,000,000 marks.

BLOOD STAINS ON 2 SHIRTS IDENTICAL

One Is Thompson's and Other Murderer's.

2 MEN IDENTIFY PRISONER

Suspect Picked From Group as Missing Autoist's Fare.

OFFICERS MORE CONFIDENT

Scientists Say All Evidence Either Is Neutral or Points to Ex-Convict, While Alibi by Woman Is Not Corroborated.

Two bits of circumstantial evidence which officers say strengthen further the case against Bennett Thompson, suspect being held in Hillsboro for the murder of Mrs. Helen Jennings and mysterious disappearance of Fred Ristman, were disclosed yesterday. Similarity of stains on a shirt believed to have been the murderer's and an undershirt known to be Thompson's and a partial identification of the accused man as one seen talking to the missing jitney driver the night of the murder, are the developments.

A significant fact, from the viewpoint of investigators of the crime, is that every bit of evidence yet unearthed by the authorities either is neutral or points to Thompson.

Alibi Not Corroborated. Nothing has yet been found that would point to another perpetrator of the crime. And nothing has been discovered that would serve to clear Thompson of suspicion.

Thompson's attorney asserts he has a perfect alibi, but the untiring work of deputy sheriffs of Multnomah and Washington counties and Portland detectives has failed to disclose any alibi but the uncorroborated testimony of Thompson's sister-in-law as to his whereabouts that night.

By considering the assertions of Mrs. James Thompson, who said the suspect was at her home, 7149 Forty-second avenue Southeast, the night of the murder, the authorities recall that she was the woman who secured the release of Thompson from the penitentiary at Salem through her importunities to Governor West, and they assert that she has been infatuated with him.

BLOOD STAINS MATCH

The Oregonian correspondent at Hillsboro and Sheriff J. E. Reeves, of Washington County, matched the bloody, stained shirt found near the Jennings home, which was recently washed undershirt found on the clothesline at the home of Mrs. James Thompson. They found yesterday that the faintly-outlined stains on the undershirt, which gave a reaction to the human blood test last Saturday, corresponded when placed under the outer shirt, to the splashes of blood on the latter.

Where stains on the shirt found in the woods are largest, stains on the undershirt are correspondingly large. The cuff found in the road and plainly torn from the shirt, was also matched with the corresponding sleeve of the undershirt yesterday. The cuff has one deep stain, and when fitted about the sleeve as it would be worn directly above the undershirt of Thompson, a corresponding stain was found.

P. N. Johnson, of Portland, who was taken to Hillsboro yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Bob Phillips, with Paul Turner and N. H. Engle, picked Thompson from a group of prisoners as the man he had seen talking to Ristman about 7 o'clock the night of the murder.

THOMPSON IS IDENTIFIED

"I am morally certain Thompson is the man," said Johnson after a thoughtful survey.

Johnson said that Ristman owed him some money and when he approached the jitney driver he found him in conversation with a stranger. What that conversation was about he does not know, but he asserts that he overheard the words, "can't afford." He waited for several minutes to see Thompson and had a good opportunity casually to observe the man with whom Ristman was talking.

Turner picked out Thompson as resembling a man he had seen walking nervously about near the jitney stand at Second and Alder streets between 3 and 4 o'clock on the day of the murder. He said that Thompson looked like the man, but was wearing different clothes. He described the way the man's hat was worn. It was in a manner characteristic of Thompson.

ANOTHER MAKES IDENTIFICATION

Engle failed to identify Thompson as one of the two men in an automobile who had stopped to buy gasoline at his place in Fulton, but said he did not have an opportunity to get a fair view of the jitney passenger's face.

Sheriff Reeves said yesterday that a man named "Stevens" had seen Thompson at the Hillsboro jail and identified him as the man he had seen talking to Ristman.

The woods between the Gore ranch and Tomquin are four miles square. Deputy Sheriff Phillips and Jailer George Hurlbert, of Portland, will scour the woods again today, for they feel reasonably certain that the body of Ristman will be found somewhere in that small forest.

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