

**RAILWAY ON PAPER
TAKEN INTO COURT**

**Michael Lynott, Promoter, Is
Accused of Fraud.**

H. S. HUSON FILES SUIT

**Provisional Receiver Is Asked for
\$2,000,000 Portland and South-
eastern Corporation.**

Appointment of a provisional receiver for the Portland and Southeastern Railway company until an accounting is had and property rights determined, is demanded by H. S. Huson, vice-president of the \$2,000,000 corporation, in a suit filed in the circuit court yesterday in which serious charges of bad faith and fraud are made against Michael Lynott, promoter and president.

The plaintiff asks that Lynott be restrained from turning over assets and property rights, alleged to be worthless, for paid up stock in the concern, that a receiver be appointed to take possession of the railway and reduce to a sum "corresponding to the reasonable value of assets."

The fear is expressed that a majority of the board of directors, alleged to be dummies of Lynott, will accept worthless property in payment for Lynott's stock unless restrained. Previous numerous franchises have expired, the value of property remaining is held at \$44,695.

Road On Paper Only.

Thus far, the Portland and Southeastern railway is a railroad on paper only, though surveys have been made and plans practically completed.

The plaintiff is a civil engineer, and vice-president and member of the board of directors of the company, having gone into it in 1916. In return for his professional services and 2 1/2 months' time, he has received exactly \$400, covering only actual personal expenses, he asserts. His services are of a reasonable value of \$20,833.30, he declares.

Some of the persons made defendants in the suit, and the Meyer Construction company in particular, are said to be in the same position as Huson, the plaintiff.

Settlement Is Asked.
The plaintiff desires to see the capitalization reduced and the stock then distributed equitably among those having claims against the company, and the construction work go ahead. Defendants named in the suit are: Portland and Southeastern Railway company, Meyer Construction company, Michael Lynott, S. C. Spencer, J. F. Quirk, E. P. McMahon, W. E. Meredith, Isabella Meredith, J. E. Chisholm, J. P. Watson, James T. Barton and M. G. Munby. Lynott is president of the railroad, Spencer, secretary; Watson, treasurer; Quirk, McMahon and W. E. Meredith, directors.

The road originally was planned between Salem and Stayton. On the route was abandoned for a line between Berd and Mount Angel, which is planned ultimately to connect with Portland.

Lynott is accused of bad faith in an alleged demand for various aspects of the city's activities, spoke. Charles Berg presided.

ZONING PLAN ADVOCATED

**ALL PHASES OF PROJECT DIS-
CUSSED AT LUNCHEON.**

**Half-Dozen Speakers Tell of Advan-
tages at Chamber of Com-
merce Forum Meeting.**

Arguments for adoption of the proposed city zoning plan were presented yesterday at the weekly luncheon of the members' forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Half a dozen men, representing various aspects of the city's activities, spoke. Charles Berg presided.

That the city zoning plan is needed for the protection of the city in general was the contention of J. P. Newell, president of the forum, who presided. Mr. Newell pointed out the general aim of the ordinance, which would be to locate various industries, various business and industrial plants, permitting the city to develop along harmonious and orderly lines.

Three speakers explained what they believed the zoning plan would do for the protection of residence districts. They were C. C. Colt, representing Irvington; W. A. Carter of Ladd's addition and L. M. Lepper, representing the central east side. They explained the plans that had been worked out for their neighborhoods and declared that passage of the zoning act would mean protection to property values and insure development, unhampered by the erection of undesirable buildings.

J. B. Kerr spoke from the standpoint of industries, explaining the advantages that would come to the industries themselves through being properly located.

Charles H. Cheney, recently engineer in charge of the investigations of the city zoning commission, closed the programme with an exhaustive explanation of maps showing the proposed zoning plan.

MILL OWNERS TO MEET

**Provision of Work for ex-Soldiers
Will Be Discussed.**

Representatives of Portland's lumber interests are going to be asked today to share the responsibility of providing work for ex-service men. Through the efforts of Mayor Baker a meeting of mill owners and managers has been called for a conference at the Chamber of Commerce, to be presided over by H. B. Van Duser, president of the commercial organization, who is also a lumberman.

This action is the result of statements made yesterday by Captain James O. Conville, in charge of providing soldiers with employment at Liberty temple, who declares that Japanese and aliens are holding places that should belong to Oregon's veterans. He declared that the lumber industry alone could supply the needed jobs.

WOOD RALLY ANNOUNCED

**First Banquet of Local Club to Be
Held Tomorrow Night.**

Completed preparations for the initial gathering of the Leonard Wood

forces tomorrow night at the Benson hotel were reported yesterday by officials of the Leonard Wood Republican club. The banquet planned for this occasion promises to draw a large attendance, according to C. H. Weston, president of the club.

"The public has become interested in the nomination of a republican candidate, for president earlier than usual," said Mr. Weston. "We expect to begin tomorrow night with an impressive muster of Wood adherents."

Speakers will be Rev. W. T. McElveen of the First Congregational church and George W. Stapleton, Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller and Walter Jenkins, will furnish music. Tickets are on sale at the offices of The Oregonian, Portland Telegram, the Hotel Benson, and at the Leonard Wood Republican club, 525 Corbett building.

REV. FORD FUNERAL TODAY

**SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.**

**Veteran Minister Is Second District
Superintendent of Oregon Con-
ference to Die Within Year.**

With all the honors of the church he served so long, Dr. T. B. Ford, veteran preacher of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, who died of



**Dr. T. B. Ford, Methodist Preacher,
whose funeral will be held today.**

apoplexy while boarding a car at Oregon City Sunday, will be laid to rest today in Ross City cemetery.

Funeral services will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church, Twelfth and Taylor streets, at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when Dr. Joshua Stansfield, pastor, will have general charge. The body will be brought from Oregon City this morning by Holman & Tracy, undertakers; Matthew Simpson Hughes, resident bishop of Oregon, under whose episcopal supervision Dr. Ford worked as superintendent of the Salem district, will be the chief speaker, Dr. Stansfield will offer the invocation; Dr. R. N. Avison, pastor of Salem First church, will read the scripture; R. A. Booth of Eugene, a leading layman, will make a brief address and M. T. Wire, pastor of the Oregon City church, will read the benediction.

Dr. Ford is the second district superintendent of the Oregon conference to die within the year. Dr. H. VanFossen of the Eugene district was the other. With the death of Marshfield of Dr. C. L. Hamilton, pastor of the church there, the denomination has been hard hit within recent months, as all were active and were recognized as among its most able men.

Soviet Russia Relies on Army.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—"Soviet Russia," says a Moscow wireless message received here, "cannot attain peace diplomatically, but exclusively through the strength of the Red armies."

**SITE CONDEMNATION
FOR PARKS FAVORED**

**Council Adopts Policy to Regu-
late Purchases.**

PLAN BACKED BY MAYOR

**Property, When Offered to City at
Assessed Valuation, However,
Can Be Bought, if Desired.**

No property will be purchased by the city for parks and playgrounds except through condemnation proceedings in the courts, unless the property is offered to the city at its actual valuation based upon the assessed valuation.

This definite policy was adopted at an informal meeting of the city council by unanimous vote after City Commissioner Pier had explained the negotiations which he had made for the Simon tract, as well as other property, and requested the commission to adopt some definite programme, under which he could operate.

Commissioner Pier was inclined to oppose the condemnation of all property, saying that he had investigated the purchase of property for Duniway park in Marquam gulch, and that in virtually every instance, the city paid excessive prices. All property for this park was purchased through condemnation proceedings. However, when told that the council is not obligated to purchase property, in the event that the juria return a verdict which is considered excessive, Commissioner Pier agreed that condemnation was perhaps the only safe road to travel.

Mayer Baker explained that he favored condemnation proceedings in all cases, unless an unusual bargain was offered the city. When a bargain is driven for property desired by the city, out of the courtroom, even though the members of the city council are attempting to save the city money, there is always danger of arousing suspicion, the mayor contended.

Formulation of a definite policy in connection with the purchase of playground and park sites by the council, follows the discovery of an error in the assessed valuation of the property owned by Joseph Simon at East Thirty-ninth and Belmont streets which is considered as a favorable site for a playground for use by children of Sunnyside and those patronizing Laurelhurst park.

Negotiations for this deal have been halted by Commissioner Pier and it is extremely probable that the city will now take this property into account to obtain a purchase price. Mr. Simon has offered to sell the property for \$27,500 and the assessed valuation is \$14,000 for the five-acre tract.

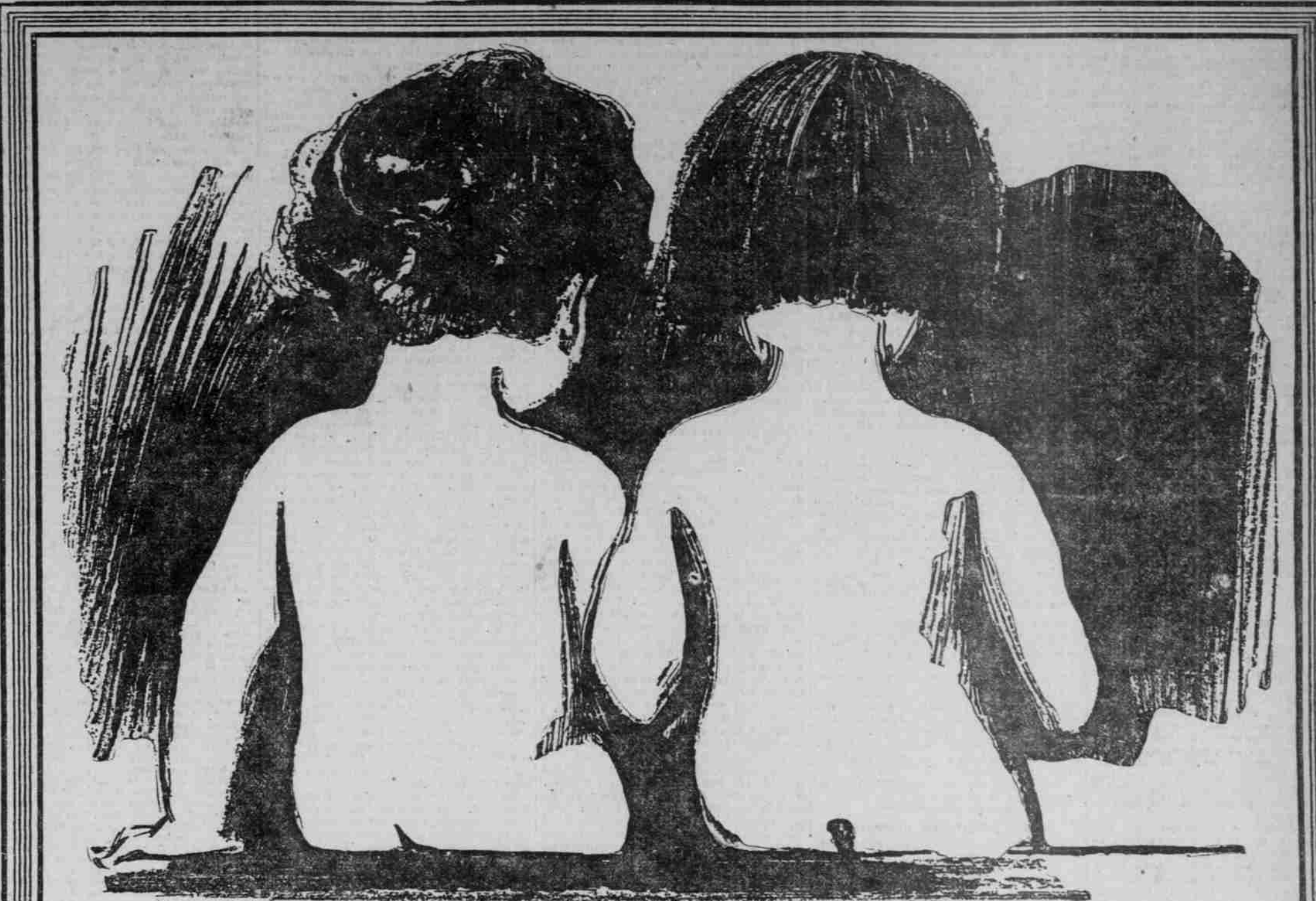
BURKHART BUILDING SOLD

**Property Valued at \$75,000 Is
Purchased by Fred A. Ballin.**

Through a deal consummated yesterday by two of the city's leading realty firms, the Burkhardt building and property on the east side passed into the possession of Fred A. Ballin of this city. Joseph Burkhardt, former owner of the property, is now living at Los Angeles.

The property is located on East Burnside street between Union and Grand avenues, and is a quarter block in extent. While the sale price was not given out, the building and land has been estimated at about \$75,000 in value. The two firms of Mail & Von Borstel and Warkfield-Fries & Co. arranged the transaction.

Ladies—Read M. Sichel's adv. on page 5.—Adv.



Two Perfect Backs

This sketch was made from an original photograph sent to the Companion editor. It is a beautiful testimony of what the Companion has meant to one woman—a successful mother of two perfectly developed children. But these are only two children. Thousands of children will have happy, successful lives because their mothers and fathers are following Dr. Emerson's simple rules, which appear month by month in the Companion. Dr. Wm. R. P. Emerson is the great pioneer in malnutrition. He discovered that one child in every three, in even the wealthiest homes,

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**Do Your Clothes
Fit Your Job?**

If you are employed in an office or a store, if you are a salesperson or a buyer—there's an especially appropriate way for you to dress. A business woman's appearance is either an asset or a liability of an office. Miss Gould picks you out, you and your positions, one at a time—and talks confidentially to you about how to dress in keeping with your work—and at the same time with taste and smartness. Read how to make your clothes a business asset.

**The Companion's
Family Bulletin Board**

Did Father forget that package this morning? Will should return his library book today. Let us hope the maid orders that extra ice for this evening! There's a piece of pie in the cupboard for Bob when he gets in to-night—if he only looks for it ——— Everything will go along ship-shape—no forgetting—no nagging—if you have a Family Bulletin Board. That's one of many really splendid household suggestions in the January Companion. And every Companion is full of just such things.

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