

### BANKERS SEEK AID TO HANDLE WHEAT

### Commission Asked to Pay Contractors Semi-Monthly.

### ACTION TO HELP FARMERS

### Bond Sale of \$3,000,000 Suggested to Bring New Money Into Northwest Territory.

Within a few weeks the wheat crop must be moved, and the money must be supplied by the banks. At present the banks have large sums tied up in the wool crop which has not been sold and the banks are also assisting road contractors.

This being the situation, a group of bankers conferred with the state highway commission yesterday to ascertain if the commission could afford a little relief. The commission has taken the matter under advisement, and will decide in a few days.

The bankers suggested that contractors receive their estimates twice a month, instead of 30 days after a piece of work is completed. The commission holds back 15 per cent of the amount of money due contractors. This 15 per cent, in the aggregate, is a considerable sum, and if contractors can get their settlements every two weeks, instead of waiting a month, it will be of material help in releasing funds.

Also, the bankers suggested that the commission find out how much money the highway work will require for the next three months, and sell bonds for the amount.

**Interest Would Be Lost.**  
These bonds would go outside the state and would bring in new money. The state treasurer deposits the road bond money in banks until it is needed. A sale of \$3,000,000 of road bonds, even with the market as it is, would, the financiers contend, relieve the burden somewhat.

Chairman S. Benson in discussing the proposition last night stated that the commission would probably lose nothing by the bond sale except the interest.

"It has been pointed out," explained Mr. Benson, "that there is a shortage of money to move the wheat, particularly in country banks. As the situation has been outlined to us, it is possible for the highway commission to aid farmers by making these adjustments with contractors and selling bonds."

While they were in conference yesterday the highway commission decided a number of points which have been held up pending an opportunity for Commissioner Kiddle to make an investigation. On all points the commission was unanimous except the old controversy of the "low" pass and "high" pass in Lane county.

Commissioner Booth has contended for the "low" pass road, and Chairman Benson for the other. Yesterday Commissioner Kiddle voted for the "low" pass. It is a project which will cost about \$179,000 and half of this sum will be provided by Lane county.

**Cut-off to Crater Lake.**  
Commissioner Kiddle voted for improvement of the Crater Lake road to Crater Lake from Roseburg. The commission failed to decide, however, whether this work will be carried on late in the autumn, or next year.

This has really been the only point of difference in this matter between Commissioners Benson and Booth. It will call for an appropriation of about \$15,000. The project is particularly urged by the government people.

Other decisions reached were to use an under crossing at Albany and an over crossing at Myrtle creek. By the latter decision the Pacific highway will pass through the town instead of dodging it, as would be the case with the undercrossing. The commission also agreed to leave the highway location, as it is, at Harrisburg, instead of taking up the Co-burg proposed route.

### Business Partner for 45 Years Mourns Death.

John Lehman, Also Known as "Mr. Stern," Succumbs in Portland.

"We were one. We had one purse—and long ago agreed that whoever died first would leave what we had to the other. We lived together and were business partners for 45 years in the old country and for 27 years here in Portland. I miss him so! I don't know what to do without him."

These words of John Lehman's hearbroken partner yesterday revealed a Damon and Pythias friendship unique in the annals of Portland. For "Mr. Stern" is dead—the genius of a veritable "Old Curiosity Shop" at 825 Washington street, near Sixteenth, where Portlanders of social prominence have bought their antiques for years, a familiar old Balzacian figure, with his distinctive pointed white beard as every local auctioneer for years, a genuine connoisseur of old coppers and Russian brasses, whose word on objects d'art was trustworthy and whom everybody liked.

The death of John Lehman—christened so in his native Cologne at the insistence of a substitute godfather but officially recorded upon his birth certificate as "Theodore Lehman" after his intended godfather—passed unnotified by the public a week ago Friday, as did his burial Tuesday in Mount Calvary cemetery in the same plot as the body of his faithful partner's wife, at his own request, "for he loved her so."

For none of his exclusive clientele knew him save as "Mr. Stern" and the surviving partner, Casper Stern, says: "I didn't care when they called him that."

Amid the serried ranks of second-hand tables and chairs, picture frames and stoves, the tangled maze of crockery, samovars, bric-a-brac and whatnot of every kind at the Stern Salvage company haunt, gently, tenderly, haltingly as if still in a daze Casper Stern yesterday, of the passing of his other self.

A broken-spirited dog, "Phillip," the dead man's colic, crawled out from his mourning place beneath a table and gazed at him with sorrowing eyes as he told it.

"A few days before, Tuesday, when he went to an auction and then to the market, he fell down at Fourth and Washington. Butcher Wittenberger, an old friend, picked him up. He came home to the shop with some plants—you can see them now growing in that box outside there—and said, with tears in his eyes: 'These are for my grave.'"

"He had been badly bruised when struck by an automobile at Nineteenth and Johnson streets last November. Yes, of course—that's what did it. He was 67."

"That Friday he brought home some more plants that geraniums and there and the white plant with the globes—and said: 'These also are for my grave.'"

"He worked until about 8 o'clock that night—he bought three chairs and two tables from the Bushmark hotel and carried them down here. 'I can't breathe,' he said, putting his hand on his chest. He was cold, and he died."

"Here's this chair you bought," I said, putting him in it. I knelt next to him, and he rested his brow on mine for half an hour. He said he felt better. Hassan, the lace merchant next to Hazelwood—his an old friend—held him. I went to the priest—at the German Catholic church at Fifteenth and Couch—Father Froying, and told him to come, but not to say I sent for him. A few minutes after he administered the sacrament Lehman—"

The narrator's voice broke—he could not finish that sentence.

**POISON EXECUTION URGED**

**ELIMINATION OF HANGING IS OFFICIALS' PROPOSAL.**

**Legislature at Next Session May Be Asked to Make Necessary Change in Law.**

**Salem, Or., June 28.—(Special).**—A move has been started among state officials to go before the legislature at its next session and request the elimination of that part of the capital punishment law providing for the hanging of persons condemned to death, and the substitution of a clause authorizing the administering of poison in carrying out the mandates of the court.

Dr. R. Lee Steiner, while superintendent of the penitentiary, informed officials that in the event capital punishment was restored in Oregon, much of the unfavorable publicity attendant on hangings under the old system could be eliminated by changing the law that poison instead of the scaffold would provide the death agony.

It was Dr. Steiner's suggestion that the sentence be so worded that the person condemned to death should be executed within a specified period. This would give time and opportunity for the warden, according to Dr. Steiner, to place in the food of the prisoner a few drops of some powerful poison. Death would be instantaneous. In case the legislature acts favorably upon the request for changing the capital punishment law, it will not be necessary to erect a new scaffold, should the request fail, the new execution chamber probably will be installed in one of the prison buildings some distance from the main penitentiary plant.

**SITE SOUGHT BY CITY**

**COMMISSION OFFERS \$50,000 FOR CLUB PROPERTY.**

**Municipality Wishes to Obtain 90 Acres for Park and Playgrounds.**

An offer of \$50,000 for the Rose City Country club property was made yesterday by City Commissioner Kiddle. In addition to this cash offering, the city offers to assume the taxes for 1919 and 1920 and the unpaid portion of the assessments on a large trunk sewer which serves the property in question.

The price offered by the city is far below the assessed valuation of the tract of more than 90 acres, and the improvements on the property which include a steel grandstand.

City officials favor the purchase of the property because of the belief that it would serve as a useful playground for the community adjacent to the track.

In addition, it is believed that if the city acquires the property directors of the Multnomah county fair might be induced to give a fraction to the country club grounds, so that the mile race track, said to be the fastest in the country, might be available.

**JUDGES REST IN JULY**

**Schedule for Two Vacation Months Is Announced.**

July will see the beginning of vacation periods for the judges of the circuit court and the conclusion of the presiding judgeship of Circuit Judge McCourt, who will be succeeded by Circuit Judge Taswell. As the first two months of the six months' term of Presiding Judge Taswell come in the heart of the vacation period, the judges have agreed among themselves as to the division of the duties of presiding judge during those months.

The following will be the schedule observed during July and August:

July 1 to 10—Judge Robert G. Morrow, department 2, presiding.

July 12 to 20—Judge William N. Gatens, department 3, presiding.

July 21 to 28—Judge George W. Stapleton, department 4, presiding.

July 29 to August 7—Judge Robert Tucker, department 3, presiding.

August 9 to 17—Judge John P. Kavanaugh, department 1, presiding.

August 18 to 25—Judge John McCourt, presiding.

August 27 to December 31—Judge George Taswell, presiding.

**Cement Dearth Holds Up Walks.**

**BAKER, Or., June 28.—(Special).**—Nearly all work along construction lines which requires cement in any form still remains suspended on account of the continued scarcity of cement in Baker. Many sidewalks and curbs have been torn up for considerable time awaiting the arrival of the concrete which will allow Bakerites to replace all wooden sidewalks with cement ones.

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### Women's Silk Dresses Greatly Reduced

—Hundreds of Women's Silk Dresses have been reduced in price for the mid-season clearance. Now is the best time of the year to buy, for profits will be sacrificed in order to clean up the stocks. Tuesday we shall feature two special groups of high-class dresses at BIG SAVINGS.

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**Second Floor—Beautiful Dresses of Taffeta, Georgette Crepe, Paulette and Messaline.** Also a number of smart styles made up in Tricotine and Serge. Blouse, straight-line, surplice and coat effects. Embroidered, beaded or trimmed with ruffles, plaits, braids and buttons. Short or long sleeves. Priced special \$33.89

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—Outing Suits of khaki, corduroy and checked materials. These are priced \$15.70 up to \$32.50  
—Breeches—full peg top—at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$10.95  
—Khaki Middy Blouses at prices ranging from \$3.25 to \$7.95

### Sale of Home Needs

—HUCK TOWELS of good heavy quality and large size. Blue 40c borders. \$4.50 dozen. Each 40c  
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—Fourth Floor

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### Sale Prices

—Regular \$22.50 Cedar Chests priced special at \$17.90  
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### Lace Curtain Samples 48c, 79c, \$1.48—Bargain Circle Main Floor

### DARLING DRAWS 3 YEARS

STEPFATHER OF 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL DENIED NEW TRIAL.

"I Don't Want Him to Go to Jail. I Told the Truth," Says Child Before Hearing Sentence.

A motion for new trial was denied L. H. Darling by Circuit Judge Stapleton yesterday, and the man, who had been convicted by a jury of a serious statutory offense against his 13-year-old step-daughter, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Before passing sentence, Judge Stapleton called the girl, Thelma Martingale, into his chambers and questioned her thoroughly. He told her all that it meant to her stepfather, for whom she had much affection, if he was sent to the penitentiary on her testimony, searching the truth of her story.

"But I thought I just had to tell the truth," she replied, "I don't want him to go to jail."

"Exactly, it is just the truth I want," said the judge. "Now that you know all it means to him, and what a terrible injustice you have done him if you lied to the jury and the court, do you still say that your testimony was nothing but the truth?"

"I do," answered the child.

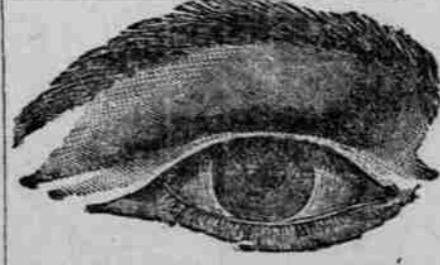
**Prisoner Has Revolver in Bunk.**

**THE DALLES, Or., June 28.—(Special).**—Council Oliver, held in connection with the murder of Otis Mayes, who was shot and then thrown from a train at Chatfield a few days ago, had a gun in his possession that

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