

BAKER TAKES REINS AT POLICE STATION

Mayor Starts Survey of Force and System Today.

NO SHAKE-UP IN MIND

Results All He Wants, Says City's Chief Executive; Incompetent Men Are to Lose Jobs.

As commissioner of public safety, Mayor Baker, this morning took up temporary quarters on the third floor of the central police station at Second and Oak streets, from which he will conduct an extensive and intensive study of the bureau with the object of improving the service to the people of Portland and without any intention of disturbing any division by abrupt action or making any startling changes, if at all, until he has the situation thoroughly in hand.

While the mayor cannot turn over the executive functions necessary to be performed by him in that capacity to another as long as he is within the city limits, he has shifted to C. A. Higelow, president of the city and commissioner of public affairs, everything permissible under the charter, and will devote his time almost exclusively to a study of the police work for an indefinite period, probably a full month.

Mayor Demands Results.
All the mayor wants, as executive head of the bureau of police in his capacity of commissioner of public safety, is results, and no officer or man on the force, it is said, should fear suspension, dismissal or shift in his position if he is found to be conscientiously "delivering the goods." If there are any not in this classification, they may meet up with trouble.

Such is the situation, in brief, with regard to what the mayor says is a serious emergency in police affairs, affecting the public in a most vital manner.

The mayor is not in any sense usurping the functions of the chief of police, he said last night, notwithstanding some reports to the contrary. He is actually assisting, he explained, which is his duty under the city charter, he explained, and is endeavoring to get "a close-up" of the one big bureau under his power and supervision, so that he may be in a position to act for the best interests of the public in regard to police matters.

Jenkins Stays On.
Chief of Police Jenkins, to whom the mayor gives great credit for accomplishing "a world of good under most trying circumstances," including poor health, will be on duty in his office on the main floor of headquarters, as usual, as will every other officer of the bureau and all orders will go out under this name. The mayor will not see the public at all, but will devote all his time to the force behind closed doors, he said, in his effort to solve the critical situation which has arisen because of the unusual wave of crime that is sweeping the whole country.

Hal M. White, secretary to the mayor, will act in the capacity of investigator and Stanley Myers, assistant city attorney, will handle any legal questions arising out of the situation. With the mayor, they will occupy rooms recently vacated by the women's protective division. They will have no set hours, but from time to time will "sit in" on the various reports at headquarters and will also be attending to their duties, they complete their work, to the sub-stations at Sunnyside and St. Johns.

Position Is Misconstrued.
"I have never undertaken anything with more serious intent than this police investigation," said the mayor. "My position, it seems, has been misconstrued by some, but my course is mapped out and I am confident that my action reflects absolutely no discredit upon Chief Jenkins or any other officer of the bureau, but is meant solely in the interest of the public safety, for which I am personally responsible."

As commissioner of public safety, he is responsible for the police bureau and, inasmuch as there is an emergency at present, combined with the fact that Chief Jenkins has been ill from overwork and worry, I consider that I would be shirking my plain duty if I did not undertake a thorough study of the bureau and help him to improve it wherever possible. This cannot be done from my office in the city hall, for there are too many things to do there, and a multitude of people to see on all kinds of subjects. I have been working largely on reports submitted to me from time to time, and find that I must have closer association with the inner workings of the bureau in order to map out a system that will get better results."

Shake-Up Not Contemplated.
"I am going to police headquarters with my mind absolutely open. I have no intention whatever of throwing any 'bomb' about or upsetting things just to be doing something. I have in mind no changes, no shifting of commands, no reductions in rank or anything of that sort, until and unless I find from my study that they are necessary to improved service."

The mayor's study of how best to police the city will probably require his presence around headquarters and at the two sub-stations at Sunnyside and St. Johns, as well as during the day, before he concludes his investigation. There are two major divisions in the bureau requiring attention, these being the uniformed and inspectors' branches. While every policeman is supposed to be a hunter of criminals, the patrolmen on various districts and the inspectors, or detectives, do most of this work.

There are three reliefs at the stations. One goes on in the morning and works until about 4 o'clock, when the first relief takes duty. At midnight the second relief takes shift. In order for the mayor to get his "close-up" of these, he will have to spend much time with the various reliefs, both of the uniformed and inspectors' divisions. Aside from these, there are the traffic and automobile theft divisions, which absorb a considerable number of men and which bear an important relation to the general police scheme.

COOS MAPS ROAD WORK

Many Projects Planned to Get Under Way Soon.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The Coos county court is in favor of starting road and other projects just as quickly as work can be prosecuted advantageously. Several contracts are already advertised to be let, one of these being for grading a half-mile of new highway at Glango. Another contract that will be let

IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS GRADING THE NEW HIGHWAY, A STRETCH OF SEVERAL MILES WESTWARD FROM COQUILLE, SKIRTING THE COQUILLE RIVER. C. S. McCULLOCH, COUNTY ROADMASTER, WAS ORDERED TO PREPARE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT ONCE FOR THE PROPOSED NEW COOS RIVER HIGHWAY, LEADING FROM EASTSIDE TO A POINT 12 MILES UP THE RIVER.

The ferry landings at North Bend and Glango for the new Hauser road are to be planned and constructed without delay. One or two needed improvements in the county will be held up under the assumption they are the responsibility of the state highway system and determined upon when the court has obtained a hearing with the state highway commission.

LOST BOY IS RUNAWAY

Missing Youth Writes Home That He Is Taking Trip.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Keith Goins, 14-year-old boy who disappeared from Tangent last Tuesday, and for whom searching parties looked for two days in the belief that he might have been drowned on his way to school because of unusual flood conditions, is alive and well and traveling south. His father, John H. Goins of this city, today received a letter from him written on stationery of a hotel at Grants Pass and mailed at Hornbrook, Cal.

The boy said he had three traveling companions and had no desire to return home and was not doing anything illegal. For several months the boy had been residing at the Driver farm, Tangent, and was attending Tangent high school, where he was a freshman.

A. H. LEA IS OUT OF RACE

Re-election as Secretary of State Fair Board Not Desired.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Salem residents have talked with A. H. Lea, until recently secretary of the Oregon state fair board, declared today that he is not a candidate for re-election and will not accept the position if it were offered to him without opposition.

The state fair board will meet here tomorrow, when formal applications received from five aspirants for the position will be considered. It was said that the board likely would agree upon Frank Davey, who has had considerable experience in executive positions. Mr. Davey is a member of the Marion county delegation in the lower house of the legislature.

DRUNK CHINAMAN IS RARE SPECIES IN POLICE ANNALS

Ah Dock Leaps Into Portland Limelight—First Oriental in Many Years to Be Arrested for Intoxication.

CONNECTING the information desk and the reporters' room at police headquarters is an electric buzzer that buzzes with an ominous sound on not infrequent occasions during these days of crime waves and soldier-highwaymen.

When this buzzer sends forth its warning sound in the room where the reporters foregather it is an immediate call to duty. It means that a "big story" is in the offing; generally a murder, a fire or a burglary.

So much for the prelude.

It was about 6 o'clock the other evening that the reporters were gathered in their office, each following his own whim. One was making a story about a "Old Sol"; another was flirting with the goddess Muse, while a third was deeply engrossed in a love story of his own manufacture.

In quick, jerky sounds the buzzer sounded its jangling note. Cards fell to the floor and copy paper fluttered about the desks as the reporters grabbed for their hats and coats and scrambled pell-mell down the one flight of stairs to the information desk below.

"What is it?" they chorused in breathless unison.

"Skipper! Inskip, captain of the first night relief, rushed toward them. They just brought in a drunk Chinaman; hurry out to the jail elevator and take a look at him, for it's a good yarn."

From the flushed faces expectancy faded and disgust took its place.

"Where do you get that stuff about a good story in a drunker Chinaman?" demanded. And back they fled to the press room and their several pursuits.

But the "Skipper" couldn't understand their lack of interest. He still insisted it was a good yarn.

"Why, I've been in the police department for 16 years and so far I know this is the first time a Chinaman has ever been arrested for drunkenness," he said yesterday.

And then careful inquiry among the old-timers of the police bureau confirmed this statement. A drunken Chinaman in Portland is almost as rare as the whereabouts and identity of the "talkative burglar."

Ah Dock is the name of the Chinaman who thus leaps into the limelight. Mister Dock was the last ward in intoxication as a couple of "cops" dragged him through the doors of the police station and bundled him off to the jail above to sleep it off. Likewise, he is the first of his nationality in many years to be arrested for being drunk. "Skipper" Inskip is fully vindicated in his assertion that it is a good yarn.

In police court this morning, Ah Dock, esquire, will have an opportunity of telling Judge Rossman just how it feels to stage an oriental "house" if he so wills. And the cops around police headquarters are betting that Ah Dock will tell the judge that he was a "friend" on Burnside street who had another friend who knew where a bottle could be found. For Ah Dock is 37 years old and too wise in the ways of the white man to talk himself into jail if there's a chance to keep out.

The following is being written as a suggestion and warning to motorists with faulty memories, such as Lou Wagner is known to possess, in order that they might save themselves a bundle of temporary grief and inconvenience.

It has to do with a certain Portland business man who found himself and his machine stalled on the east side early yesterday morning because his "gas" tank had run dry. His machine wouldn't budge a foot and he was a long distance from home.

Getting out of his machine, this motorist took a position in the middle of the street and attempted to hail passing automobiles. With each wild gesture of his waving arms the motorists would put on more "juice" and speed away in the darkness.

In quick succession reports were telephoned into the east side police station that a lone highwayman was attempting to hold up motorists on the east side.

Patrolmen Gladwyn, Worrell and Watts answered the calls and took into custody this business man—same deleted—as the suspected bandit. He answered the description telephoned to police headquarters.

The startled "suspect" had a hard time convincing the officers that he was merely an autoist who was out of "gas" and out of luck. Not until

FARMERS IN CONFAB AT GRESHAM TODAY

All Sections of Multnomah Will Be Represented.

BETTER METHODS TO FORE

Entertainment and Luncheon Are Big Features on Programme for Second Annual Meet.

Farmers from all sections of Multnomah county and adjacent districts will gather in Gresham this week for the second annual county farm bureau week to be held at the grange hall at Gresham beginning today. Topics of a wide range of interest will be taken up for discussion during the six-day programme by farm experts from various sections of the state.

The first session of the farm bureau last year proved so popular with farmers of the section that it has been decided to make it an annual affair. Last year's attendance reached 800 and it is expected that the attendance this year will be greatly in excess of that, according to S. B. Hall, county agent.

The entertainment feature of the affair will not be forgotten, and in addition to the lectures there will be a luncheon in the Masonic hall Saturday. A committee on entertainment is now busy and a number of affairs for those at the gathering will be announced during the week. In addition to the morning and afternoon sessions of the bureau there will be an evening session Wednesday for the purpose of presenting an illustrated lecture.

The programme for the week follows:

Monday, January 10—Soil and Rodent Enemies.

10 to 11—"Why We Should Rotate Crops," Professor C. B. Rusk, professor of Oregon Agricultural college.

11 to 12—"Fertilizer Results by Farm Methods," Dr. J. H. Gunn, farm management specialist, Oregon Agricultural college.

12 to 1—Lunch hour.

1 to 2—"Place of Commercial Fertilizer

on the Farm," Professor C. B. Rusk, professor of soil, Oregon Agricultural college.

2 to 3—"How to Get the Best of Disease and Other Rodents," I. N. Gashel, federal rodent control specialist.

3 to 4—"How to Determine the Value of Commercial Fertilizers," Professor C. B. Rusk, professor of soil, Oregon Agricultural college.

Tuesday, January 11—Farm Crops Day.

10 to 11—"Cattle and Hogs to Get Better Yields," O. R. Hyslop, professor of farm crops, Oregon Agricultural college.

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2 to 3—"The Use of the Soil Survey Map," Professor W. L. Powers, professor of soil.

3 to 4—"The Legume Crops in the Farm Rotation," W. R. Averill, agricultural instructor, Union high school No. 2.

Wednesday, January 12—Poultry Day.

10 to 11—"Controlling Poultry Diseases," Andrew S. Weist, poultry specialist, Fisher Bros. Mill.

11 to 12—"The Importance of Good Foundation Stock," Charles E. Brewer, poultry specialist, Kerr Offord Milling.

12 to 1—"Problems in Brooding Chickens," H. G. Gaby, poultry extension specialist, Oregon Agricultural college.

1 to 2—"Lunch hour."

2 to 3—"Co-operative Marketing, Its Problems and Progress," U. L. Upson, Mr. Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers.

3 to 4—"Incubation Problems," C. L. Lamb, poultry specialist and Treating Seed Potatoes, demonstrations, Ray Lacey and Lloyd Bramhall.

4 to 5—"Feeding for Egg Production and Planning Work for the Coming Year," H. E. Gaby, poultry extension specialist, Oregon Agricultural college.

Wednesday Evening.

8:00 P. M.—"How Mixed Feeds Are Made," moving picture, "Feeds and Feeding," Sherman T. Edwards, feed expert, Portland Flouring Mills.

9:00 to 11:30—"Feeding for Milk," Professor E. B. Pitts, dairy specialist, Oregon Agricultural college.

11:30 to 12:30—"Value of Dairy Products," E. K. Hill, secretary Oregon dairy.

12:30 to 1:30—"Lunch hour."

1:30 to 2:30—"Herd Improvement Methods," Professor E. B. Pitts, dairy specialist, Oregon Agricultural college.

2:30 to 3:30—"Cost of Raising Calves From Actual Record," Julius Luchner, champion calf feeder.

3:30 to 4:30—"The Simplicity and Value of Cost Records," H. V. Gunn, farm management specialist, Oregon Agricultural college.

Friday, January 14—Horticulture Day.

10:00 to 11:00—"Spraying Regulations and Practical Methods," C. N. Walker, county agent inspector.

11:00 to 12:00—"Practical Methods in Growing the Raspberry," C. L. Long, horticulture extension specialist, Oregon Agricultural college.

12:00 to 1:00—"Lunch hour."

1:00 to 2:00—"Selection, Planning and Care of the Home Orchard," J. E. Stansberry, state horticulture inspector.

2:00 to 3:00—"The Food Requirements of a Berry Orchard," C. L. Long, horticulture extension specialist, Oregon Agricultural college.

3:00 to 4:00—"Co-operative Marketing of Fruit," C. L. Lewis, organization manager, Oregon Growers' Co-operative association.

4:00 to 4:30—"1921 Horticultural Programme," C. L. Long, horticulture extension specialist, Oregon Agricultural college.

Saturday, January 15—Organization Day.

10:00 to 11:00—"The Work and Benefits of a County Farm Bureau," C. J. Hard, county agent leader.

11:00 to 12:00—"State-Wide Organization of Farmers and the Work There Is for Them to Do," T. A. Marx, director of extension.

12:00 to 1:00—"After-dinner speakers at the banquet are: Address of welcome, E. A. Miller, mayor of Gresham; "The Four-leaved Shovel," "National Farm Bureau, Its Aims, Activities and Accomplishments," George A. Mansfield, president, state farm bureau. Other musical and entertaining features will be announced later.

LECTURE SERIES PLANNED

Co-operative Marketing Is Subject Professor Lewis Will Discuss.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Professor C. L. Lewis, organizing manager for the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, with headquarters at Salem, will begin a series of lectures dealing with co-operative enterprises at the college Monday, January 10.

"Co-operation in California" will be the subject of the first two lectures, while "Co-operative Movements in the Northwest" will be the title of the two following. The lectures will be given each Monday and will be held in connection with classes in commercial pomology. All the lectures will be open to the general public.

Professor Lewis was formerly chief in horticulture at the college, but left to accept his present position with the rapidly growing co-operative association.

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