

KEEL BUTTE SOON TO BE IN OPERATION

Plans Made for Taking Care of Excess Rock.

COUNTY JAIL IS FILLED

Increase in Prisoners Believed Due to Word Passed in Underworld of Quarry's Shutdown.

Kelly Butte rockpile will be placed in active operation as soon as possible from the reconstruction of present bunkers and preparations for storage of excess rock. This was the decision reached at a meeting yesterday between the county commissioners, City Commissioner Barbur, Sheriff Hurlburt and Roadmaster Hatchel.

There are at present 55 prisoners at Kelly Butte but they have not been kept busy breaking rock because of lack of facilities for handling their output, and the word has spread through the underworld, believes Sheriff Hurlburt, with the result that the county jail is filled to the limit and the board will order private \$130 a day. There are 245 inmates of the jail proper on the seventh floor of the courthouse.

Market for Rock Expected.

Asked if he could guarantee a market for rock which the county could not use, Commissioner Barbur of the city department of public works replied that he could not but expressed confidence that there always would be a commercial demand for the rock and that the city probably would be able to use a good deal of it, particularly if Mount Scott development being discussed is carried out. The long haul makes it impracticable to use the county rock in present city paving jobs, he asserted.

Asked by Chairman Holman of the board of county commissioners, what would be the best businesslike manner to operate Kelly Butte, Sheriff Hurlburt declared that by far the best way would be to arrange to sell rock at a stated price to all buyers, private or public, and that orders for the rock should be issued at the courthouse and honored at the quarry.

It was not decided definitely as to whether this plan would be carried out. The sheriff asserted that there always had been commercial pressure brought to bear against sale of rock which might interfere with private production.

Road Work Considered.

Installation of a derrick with clamshell shovel for taking the rock from bunkers and leaving it in storage piles has been recommended but should there not be power sufficient to operate a derrick with the present plant a belt conveyor, operated by electric motor, may be used. The average output of the quarry in full operation is 150 cubic yards of rock a day. Commissioner Barbur asserted that the city had up for consideration at present petitions calling for 800,000 cubic yards of road work.

On recommendation of the public welfare bureau, following a conference attended by representatives of all Portland newspapers, Walter Corbett, blind news agent, who has a wife and five children to support, was allowed \$100 for February living expenses from the county relief fund and \$75 each for the months of March and April, by the end of which time he is expected to be self-supporting through his newspaper trade. He and his family have been partially county charge for more than a year.

Spite Work Charged.

W. W. Cox, recently discharged deckhand on the St. Johns ferry, appeared to protest to the board of commissioners the dismissal of him, saying that his release was the result of spite. He declared the captain of the ferry had threatened him with dismissal if he continued to carry out orders of the board against smoking on the ferry and forbidding automobile drivers to leave their machines.

A Haynes Automobile Costing \$2550

was ordered for the sheriff's office, following investigation of bids submitted.

JOINT TERMINAL STAYS

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Flora of the several lines to report to us upon details involved.

"Accomplishment of this matter will necessarily involve the vacation of certain streets not to be used by the public and only technical matters and which will be presented to you as soon as the engineering reports are received.

"Pending a final agreement and the working out of detailed plans, the present use, by Great Northern Railway company and Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company, of the Union passenger station will be continued, and as soon as practicable the remaining Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company's trains will be admitted. Respectfully,

New Scheme Predicted.

Since the railroad executives have reached this agreement, it is believed that the future will witness what was predicted in The Oregonian December 15, 1920, at which time information at hand appeared to justify the statement that "Portland will have eventually one of the most modern of freight terminals, designed to accommodate the joint business of all railroads entering the city, and that it will be located on Guild's lake and will cost more than \$1,000,000."

Great Terminal Expected.

Reference to the property of the Union Pacific system at Guild's lake in the official announcement of the agreement just reached, seems to bear out the prediction that a great terminal system will be installed there, although on this point, as on some others interlocked with the situation, there is silence on the part of the railroad executives, at least as to the extent of definite details. This, it is believed, is because of the fact, as stated in the announcement, that there are numerous phases of the problem which have to be referred to technicalians for complete reports and it would be impossible to make known all of the intricate features of the case at this time.

"I am delighted with the outcome

of the railroad executives' conference," said Mayor Baker last night.

"As I gather the significance of the official announcement, Portland is going to have one of the finest and most complete freight terminals in the country, and I doubt not that in due time, a modern union station to match it. It looks to me as though we got everything we asked for and that the rail officials, after devoting a great deal of their very valuable time to the problem, have favored this city wonderfully."

Street Vacations Studied.

Asked as to the matter of street vacations, mentioned in the official announcement, the mayor said he had given this subject some consideration from the outset of negotiations, dating back to last October, when he first took up the matter of the terminal question and that he believes the streets necessary to the adjustment of freight and passenger difficulties.

WIFE OF PORTLAND SCHOOL BOARD MANAGER DIES.

Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Thomas, wife of R. H. Thomas, school clerk and business manager of the Portland school board, died yesterday morning at her home, 822 Division street. Death was the result of heart trouble.

Mrs. Thomas was born April 24, 1876, at Grand Ronde, Ore. She came to Portland from Salem in August, 1896, and was married to Mr. Thomas November 25, 1903.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by her husband, three children, Genevieve R., aged 12; Mildred A., aged 13, and Robert H. Jr., aged 11; her father, Gilbert C. Litchfield, and three sisters, Mrs. G. G. Shirley of McMinnville, Mrs. Peter Marsden of Portland and Mrs. Stephen A. Sanford of Roseburg.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from Lerc's undertaking parlors.

Cuties now confronting the roads can

be handled by the present plant.

"The matter of vacating streets along the river front, however," said the mayor, "is one largely of legal points and it would have to be worked out on that basis and also the best policy to pursue. Owing to the passage of the so-called Ziegler act, it is dependent on the action of the harbor line cannot be vacated without considerable red tape—perhaps a special election, at which the people would have to settle the question. But even that would be while, in view of the wonderful proposition the roads seem to have made the city."

Van Duser Absent From City.

Mr. Van Duser was absent from the city last night. Members of the state public service commission, consisting of Fred A. Williams, chairman, Fred A. Williams, and H. H. Corry, received the official announcement with pleasure. They are in Portland hearing an important case and expressed themselves of the opinion that the railroad chiefs have given their best thought and best efforts to working out the best thing possible, considering all of the multitude of details concerned.

"The commission considers the solution offered as a wonderful reward for the efforts of the railroad companies," said Chairman Williams, speaking for the members. "This is particularly true inasmuch as at the time our offices were solicited the situation had become so delicate and the time intervening before eviction so limited that we feared a serious conflict could have full and proper consideration."

Efforts Are Appreciated.

"We believe, from the tone of the communication, that the officials have earnestly endeavored to get together and that with proper co-operation and co-ordination on the part of all concerned, a solution of the problem is possible. The disposition of our complaint before the interstate commerce commission is dependent on the complete union terminal will be realized. Naturally, the disposition of our complaint before the interstate commerce commission is dependent on the complete union terminal will be realized. Naturally, the disposition of our complaint before the interstate commerce commission is dependent on the complete union terminal will be realized."

The city first took up an investigation

of the terminal problem when the Great Northern and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle roads had been ordered to discontinue the use of the terminal station and tracks after December 31, 1920. The state commission was called in and backed up the city in its demand for unification of the railroads, but it became necessary to appeal to the interstate commerce commission. A request from that body resulted in receding of the outer order.

AUTO LIGHT CARE TOLD

Safety-First Lecturer Explains

How to Comply With Law.

Adjustment and care of automobile headlights was discussed by F. H. Murphy, illuminating engineer of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, at a weekly safety first lecture for automobile drivers held last night at library hall under the auspices of the national safety council.

Construction of automobile headlights and the proper adjustment to prevent glare and comply with state regulations were explained by Mr. Murphy. Adjustment of focus to the smallest focal point will do away with glare and give a strong driving light, but the headlights must be set at the proper tilt to comply with traffic regulations. Lights may be focused in daylight by adjusting the position of the bulb till the light appears evenly distributed in all parts of the reflector.

Mr. Murphy took up the section of Portland traffic laws dealing with lights and explained how the motorist may adjust his headlights to comply. Types of lenses were shown. He warned against the use of a lens which tends to spread rather than focus the light because it was likely to produce a glare. Lights with a small focal point give strongest light and if properly trained on the road will give least trouble to approaching drivers, he said.

ELK DIES AT MEETING

J. N. Stanford of Olympia, Wash.,

Attending Session in His Honor.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—James N. Stanford, 38, past exalted ruler of the Olympia Elks lodge, died of heart disease at a meeting of the lodge tonight.

The lodge was observing Past Exalted Rulers' night and Stanford was occupying the station of esteemed and venerable knight when he was taken ill. He died a few minutes after Mr. Stanford was employed in the state land commissioner's office. The widow and two small children survive.

LARGE STILL DESTROYED

Apparatus Found in Cabin of Soldier Killed in War.

BEND, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The largest still ever seized in this section of Oregon was found in a cabin on the high desert, 54 miles from here, deserted since the enlistment of its owner, Herbert H. Edgar, one of the county's soldiers dead, was brought into Bend today by Special Agent Nixon and Deputy Sheriff Stokes. The still in two units, one of 25, the other of 60 gallons capacity, had apparently been in use for about two months. A few moments after the officers had left on their return trip, the cabin which had sheltered the moonshining equipment, burst into flames, supposedly started by sparks from the furnace used to heat mash for distilling.

No arrests were made, 12 barrels

of corn mash were destroyed, six gallons of cached liquor were confiscated, and eight sacks of corn were taken. On the trip out, the officers drove in the face of a blinding snow storm and several times were forced to leave their car and dig through drifts which blocked the road.

At a ranch near the Edgar cabin, they found tracks leading into the desert and following these came to the still.

BAKER'S STAND OPPOSED

CENTRAL COUNCIL WISHES TO HEAR STEFFENS SPEAK.

Workers Believe Mayor Should Permit Speeches, Stopping Visitors If They Urge Violence.

Opposition to Mayor Baker's action in refusing use of the auditorium to Lincoln Steffens, alleged radical lecturer, and other visitors, was voiced last night by several members of the Central Labor council at that body's weekly meeting.

Sentiment of the council appeared to condemn the mayor's refusal on the ground that inasmuch as he did not know positively that Steffens and Tucker would advocate violence in Portland, he should have allowed them the use of the auditorium, always however, with the understanding that they should be stopped if their statements became in the least radical and anarchistic.

After several speakers had taken the floor, all of whom were in favor of hearing the two lecturers speak, the meeting adjourned in conference with the mayor and to try and induce him to change his action in the Steffens matter with the agreement that the meeting will be held under the direct auspices of the Central Labor council.

The semi-annual election of officers was held, the event arousing intense interest and some argument. The council was roused to a high pitch by arguments of federal court representative of the boot and shoe workers' local to be permitted to vote although his organization is not in good standing upon the books of the council.

D. E. Nickerson, president, was re-elected, after a close race, winning from his nearest rival, C. H. Copeland, by only four votes. Nickerson is a delegate of Carpenters' local No. 226 and is acknowledged to be one of the most prominent leaders of the labor movement. George W. McDonald was re-elected to the vice-presidency.

W. E. Kinney, unanimously chosen secretary-treasurer; Vera Epling, reading clerk; H. E. Hanks, warden, while Mrs. Brooks showed a doctor T. Morrow, Philip Quinlin, trustees; W. H. Doyle, J. E. Pelton, executive board, and C. H. Copeland and George W. McDonald, members of the legislative committee.

The council went on record as being opposed to house bill No. 22 and in favor of house bills No. 22 and No. 23, the former providing for a tax supervising and conservation committee and the latter for the creation of a child labor bureau with the office of labor statistics and inspection of factories.

HOOD RIVER FOR LOOP

COMMERCIAL CLUB RENEWS COUNTY SUPPORT PLEDGE.

Judge Says Money Will Be Spent on Market Roads Only; New Highway Distant Utility.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the Hood River commercial club today, a resolution was adopted renewing the county's support of a loop road around the base of Mount Hood.

The meeting resulted from a visit of National Forest Supervisor Shattuck in quest of an interpretation of a letter just received from County Judge Hasbrouck, who in response to a request from the bureau of public roads of the forestry service, for a right of way over homesteads in the national forest bounds, stated that the court preferred to defer action until after the legislature had adjourned.

Judge Hasbrouck's letter stated that the county only contemplated erecting the entire loop on roads of a market nature and characterized the loop road as a utility of the dim future.

SLAMMUG NEIDER IS NOTORIOUS HERE

Maurice E. Brooks and Wife in Trouble in Portland.

COUPLE SMUGGLE WHISKY

Man Killed in San Francisco Hotel Over Deal in Narcotics Twice Assaulted by Spouse.

Maurice E. Brooks, who was shot and killed in the St. Francis hotel, San Francisco, during an argument over a deal in narcotics, had a police record in Portland which gave both himself and his wife, Blanche Brooks, considerable notoriety during their career in this city.

According to the police, Brooks, who formerly was a druggist, for several years had been engaged in the illegal sale of liquor and narcotics throughout the Pacific northwest, and had been the head of a narcotic ring which operated from the Mexican line to the Canadian border.

With his wife, who is a member of a pioneer Oregon family, and formerly was well known in eastern Oregon, Brooks came to Portland during the first week of March, 1919. He was arrested on his arrival here for smuggling a cargo of whisky over the boundary from California. The day after his arrest his wife was taken into custody and charged with the same offense. Several days later, after a hearing in federal court, and pleaded guilty to violating the federal prohibition laws, and each paid a fine of \$250.

Brooks shot by his wife.

The evening of March 11, 1919, Brooks was shot and slightly wounded by his wife as a result of a quarrel between them at the Villa St. Clara apartments. Brooks received a slight flesh wound in the arm. Mrs. Brooks was arrested on a complaint filed by him, charging her with threatening to kill him, but she was released after a grand jury investigation.

Following this affray Brooks and his wife became reconciled, but on April 6 Mrs. Brooks hit her husband on the head with an old sword, inflicting a deep scalp wound. This fight, which aroused public interest in the apartment house where they lived, again attracted police attention, and the couple were arrested for disorderly conduct.

Brooks was taken to the police emergency hospital at that time, where his scalp wound was treated. While Mrs. Brooks showed a doctor T. Morrow, Philip Quinlin, trustees; W. H. Doyle, J. E. Pelton, executive board, and C. H. Copeland and George W. McDonald, members of the legislative committee.

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Woman at Winter Resort.

Mrs. Brooks was not with her husband at the San Francisco hotel at the time he was shot Sunday night. According to Portland persons who were acquainted with them, Mrs. Brooks was at a winter resort in southern California.

Brooks came originally from Los Angeles. His home there was at 608 East Washington street. He had been married about three years.

Mrs. Brooks has been married three times. Her first husband was Hawley and Mrs. Blanche White. She has a daughter, 17 years old, who lives near Portland. It was said at Portland that she was yesterday.

Although press dispatches from San Francisco said that Carl Hills, who was shot and seriously wounded at the time Brooks was killed in a fight at the Columbia theater, was a resident of Portland, the police could find no trace of a man by that name having lived in Portland. Neither did they find any clue to the identity of a St. G. Friend, a name used by Hills at another San Francisco hotel.

PHONE HEARING NEAR END

Inquiry Expected to Be Finished by Tonight.

The public service commission of Oregon expects to conclude by tonight the telephone rate hearing which was resumed yesterday afternoon. Because of the public interest, which has been shown, the hearing probably will be held in one of the courtrooms of the courthouse instead of the auditorium, as was the case on the second floor.

With Fred G. Buchtel, Fred A. Williams and H. H. Corry, comprising the entire board, in attendance, the afternoon was devoted to the cross-questioning of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's witnesses who testified at the last hearing on December 21.

H. J. Tinkham of Portland, division manager of plants; J. C. Nowell of San Francisco, vice-president and general manager; M. W. Wilson of San Francisco, rate engineer; C. E. Floger of San Francisco, plant engineer, and A. E. Boyles of Portland, assistant rate engineer, were the witnesses G. M. Harris appeared as telephone examiner for the commission.

Cities of Astoria, Eugene, Springfield, Albany and The Dalles were represented at the hearing as well as Portland. City Attorney Mott appeared for Astoria and Miss Gavin, city attorney, for The Dalles, but other cities were represented in the examination by former City Attorney LaRoche of Portland.

ASSOCIATION HAS DINNER

Security Benefit Honors National President of Topeka, Kan.

Members of the Security Benefit association last night held a banquet and largely attended meeting in honor of the national president, J. M. Kirkpatrick, of Topeka, Kan. At the meeting 549 applicants were initiated, the feature of the initiation being several films of motion pictures.

Fred Holmes, acting as toastmaster of the banquet, held at the Oregon building, called for the address of welcome from Judge R. G. Morrow, whose speech was responded to by L. M. Thomas, state president of the order.

Mrs. A. G. Forr, who presented the national president with a large bouquet of roses upon behalf of the local chapter, delivered an interesting address. Following the presentation and initiation, President Kirkpatrick spoke, telling members of the work being done by the association and the great good accomplished. Motion pictures showing the national security benefit home at Topeka were shown by Mr. Kirkpatrick, who declared that he saw great promise in the recent development of the Portland branch.

Anti-Cigarette Repeal Passes.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 31.—The Arkansas senate today passed a bill repealing the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes.

A London carriage manufacturer employs more than 300 one-armed men.

SLASH IN FUEL OIL PRICES ANNOUNCED

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CUT SECOND IN MONTH

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ROTARY BENEFIT TONIGHT

Proceeds Go to Children's Department of Hahnemann Hospital.

Completed arrangements for the Rotary entertainment to be given tonight at 8:15 o'clock in the city auditorium as a benefit for the children's department of the new Hahnemann hospital show that 15 numbers have been arranged for a programme, which will include professional vaudeville, concert singers and a two-reel motion picture.

These numbers will include minstrel show, overture played by Henri Kotter, Turner, professional comedians, Foley and LeTour of the Orpheum; Viennese Hungarian, dancer; J. Edwin Mutch, baritone; Hungarian, violin; Herbert Brooks, card expert, and Belle Montrose, all acts from the Orpheum. A two-reel comedy, "The Slicker," looked for later in the week at the Columbia theater, will be given a pre-view as the closing event. The programme was arranged by the Rotary, and the entertainment committee.

Actual cash on hand from tickets sold is between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Tickets are sold at \$10 each.

POLICE FIND BABY-PLAY

"Shooting" Is Only Daddy Throwing Dollars Against Door.

When "Daddy," otherwise known as Walter Kroll, 510 Flanders street, tried to "kick" the baby out of a trap set last night by throwing dollars against a door, H. H. Ragan, landlord of the establishment, sat up with a jerk.

"A pistol shot," he ejaculated, then a regular fusillade. Ragan called the police, saying that there had been shooting on the upper floor of his house. When the police arrived dollars were once more thrown against the door, while the baby crouched with delight. It was a well-aimed youngster who happily watched the police depart.

Governor Resumes Duties.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Governor Olcott, who has been absent from his office for several days following a minor operation, resumed his executive duties today. Although not completely recovered, Governor Olcott was able to sign a number of bills and received and conversed with several delegations from various stations of Oregon with relation to matters of state.

Woman Returns; Burglar Flees.

When Mrs. V. J. Anderson, 751 Glisan street, returned home about 10 o'clock last night, she heard something strike the ground near the front porch with a thud. She switched on all the lights and discovered that a burglar had entered by jumping a front window. He had evidently been surprised soon after making entrance, as nothing was taken.

Blackhand Bundle Holds Bricks.

Visions of the blackhand confronted the police last night following a telephone report from the home of Miss Jane Tryman, 750 Everett street, that someone had left a mysterious package in the hallway of her home. No one dared touch it, even to throw it outside, for fear it would explode. Investigation by the police disclosed a couple of bricks wrapped up in a blue cloth, which had been evidently used in an automobile to keep feet warm, and which had been discarded when they no longer held heat.

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