

SWIMMING TANK IS POPULAR

Plan Inaugurated at Sellwood to Be Followed at Other Points Next Year—Excellent Discipline Enforced and Instructors Are Furnished by Department.



MOTHERS AND BIG SISTERS WATCHING THE BOYS.



YOUNGSTERS AT EDGE OF TANK, WHERE WATER IS TWO FEET DEEP.

GENTLEMANLY boys and womanly girls are being molded in the playgrounds of Portland, inaugurated by Mayor Simon and Park Commissioners Wetherbee, Lang, Lewis and Clark, but of all the features yet installed the swimming tank at Sellwood is the chief. It is the first of a series in the programme outlined for the city and next summer others of a similar

pattern will be opened in various sections. The big tank is of concrete and holds 277,000 gallons of fresh, pure Bull Run water. It is like bathing in one's own pebbly, white tub at home, for the water is as clear and sparkling as in any mountain stream. The supply is constantly being replenished by inflow and outflow. While in the playgrounds or the swimming tank the boys and girls are under excellent discipline. The department

provides attendants, instructors and guardians and any boy or girl who wants to learn the games is taught in the latest approved fashion how to use the apparatus and classes in swimming are to be organized this week at Sellwood. No single feature is at once so popular as the swimming pool, and the administration will expend a large sum of money next year in perfecting the system of playgrounds and concrete tanks.

PEARS GET ATTENTION

ADDITIONAL PRIZES OFFERED FOR FRUIT SHOWS.

Premiums Will Be Offered for Several Varieties of Pears to Secure Big Exhibit.

Many additional prizes have been offered exhibitors at the forthcoming All-Oregon Fruit Show to be held here November 30, December 1 and 2, and this, with the increased attention to be devoted to Oregon pears this year, gives further assurance of the success of the enterprise.

Word has been received by Frank W. Porter, secretary of the State Horticultural Society, that the Hood Land Company will give \$50 for the best exhibit from the Mount Hood district, Clackamas County. Chapin & Herlow will give \$25 for the best exhibit from the Estacada district, Clackamas County.

The Albany Commercial Club offers \$50 for the best exhibit from Linn. The Oregon City Commercial Club offers \$25 for the best apple exhibit from Clackamas County and \$10 for the second best exhibit. The Corvallis Commercial Club will

SPENCER GETS ANSWER

SPEIER AND LILLIS CONTEND ARREST OF CAPTAIN LEGAL.

Harbormaster Says Action Taken in Interest of Public Safety and Without Animus.

Charles W. Spencer's \$5000 suit for damages against Harbormaster J. B. Speier and Officer M. E. Lillis for malicious prosecution was officially and legally recognized yesterday, when City Attorney Grant filed in the County Clerk's office an answer to Spencer's complaint, setting forth denial of allegation of the steamboat man and alleging that the officers had probable cause for arresting Spencer for violating the city ordinance regulating the speed of steamboats on the Willamette River within the corporate limits of Portland.

According to prior papers filed in the case, Lillis charged Spencer with violating the speed ordinance on July 3, when Spencer was alleged to be driving his steamboat, the Charles R. Spencer, at a greater rate of speed than eight miles an hour. The trial was set for July 7, but Spencer, it is alleged, appeared in court on that date and

asked for a continuance of the case. There appears to have been some misunderstanding as to the exact date set for the trial, but the city attorney holds that it was to be heard subsequent to July 12. According to the answer, Spencer appeared before the court on July 12 and, as there were no prosecuting witnesses present, the case was dismissed. The suit for damages against Speier and Lillis followed. The defendants maintain that the case was entered on the docket to be heard subsequent to July 12 and were accordingly preparing their testimony and subpoenaing witnesses to be present on July 13. They allege that they were performing their duties as officers in bringing the charge against Spencer for violating the law, that the action was taken in the interest of public safety and the protection of property and that there was no feature of personal animus connected with it. The answer further alleges that the facts presented by Speier and Lillis were sufficient grounds for action and that probable cause was shown. The answer reiterates the charge that Spencer violated the ordinance.

REPORT OF RABIES WRONG

Strychnine Responsible for Mistaken Symptoms, Thinks Doctor.

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among any of the animals. Dr. Lytle returned from Eastern Oregon yesterday. He said that he was unable to find traces of rabies in the brains of any of the carcasses of the animals that had died after exhibiting symptoms of the disease or had been killed to prevent a spread of a threatened epidemic. Complaints of the queer capers of wild and domestic animals in Willamette County first came to Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the State Board of Health. Letters told of how coyotes would enter doorways and would not be frightened. One letter said that a drove of hogs that had hitherto been very tame suddenly became timid and then vicious. One pig, according to the correspondent, dispersed a group of haymakers, chasing one man up a tree. A gun was sent for and the vicious pig was shot. Dr. White turned the case over to Dr. Lytle.

"The carcasses of the dead animals were too old to permit thorough diagnosis," said Dr. Lytle, "but I was unable to find indications of rabies. The State Veterinarian of Washington also conducted an investigation just across the line, where similar conditions had been complained of, but he found no traces of the disease. In all probability the animals suffered from strychnine poisoning. Poison is put out for coyotes and it is probable that the animals did not get enough of it to kill them. However, I left preparations to preserve the brains of any other animals that show peculiar symptoms immediately after they are killed."



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Court Notes.

A bench warrant was yesterday issued at the instance of District Attorney Cameron for the arrest of F. W. N. Wilde, charged with neglect and non-support of his wife. Wilde is employed by the J. I. Case Thresher Company agency in Portland.

Ling Hing, a Chinese boy 14 years old, was yesterday ordered committed to the Detention Home and his father has agreed to pay \$5 monthly toward the support of the wayward Celestial. Ling Hing was caught in the act of purloining a box of money in a store at 838 North Third street, containing \$15. Probation Officer Teuscher says this is the first case of a Chinese boy ever being brought into the local juvenile court.

In an amended complaint filed in the District Court yesterday, George G. Brown seeks \$738.75 as damages from the Union Bank & Trust Company. Brown alleges that he worked for the company from April 27, 1910, to June 27, 1910, and earned \$322 of which but \$200 had been paid. As assignee of A. E. Kern & Co., Brown also alleges that the defendant company is indebted to him in the sum of \$236.75. The Union Bank & Trust Company discontinued business June 27, 1910.

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