

UNSAFE BUILDING LAW HELD INVALID

Owners of Property Condemned by City Get Injunction From Judge Harris.

METHODS NOT APPROVED

Structures Involved Admitted to Be Nuisances by Court, Who Personally Inspects Places Before Rendering Decision.

Though not denying the city the power to enforce the removal of unsafe buildings if the power is properly enforced, Circuit Judge Harris yesterday held invalid the city ordinance providing a method for forcing the removal or destruction of buildings in the city. The ruling was made in the case of M. E. Arbuckle and others to restrain the city officials from removing the buildings or from prosecuting the owners for not moving them under notice from the city authorities.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the ordinance, Judge Harris announced, would enable him to decide the Arbuckle case without touching on the validity of the ordinance, but in that both parties to the suit were desirous of having a judicial ruling on the ordinance he went further than was necessary to issue the restraining order as asked for in the suit and held the ordinance invalid.

While holding that the city cannot force the owners under the present ordinance to remove the buildings at Third and Yamhill streets and at 255 and 297 Front street, Judge Harris said the two buildings on Front street against the removal of which the restraining order was asked, are nuisances.

Depreciation Provision Invalid.

The ordinance was held invalid principally because of the arbitrary provision that all buildings more than 40 per cent depreciated and beyond the possibility of repair may be condemned without an opportunity to the owners to show that the building is dangerous or unsafe and because of the unreasonable power bestowed on the building inspector.

"When the manner by which a city may exercise a power is not provided," said Judge Harris, "the city may prescribe the methods of exercising such designated power, but must keep within the bounds of reason." The flat of the City Council, declaring all buildings depreciated 40 per cent to be dangerous and unsafe, is a doubtful doctrine. Such danger should be established at a trial.

The further provision of the ordinance which allowed for the appointment of an arbitration board to determine the condition of any building, the findings of which the statute provided should be final, was objected to by Judge Harris.

City's Rights Not Denied.

"There is no doubt but that cities have the right to prevent or to remove a nuisance and to prescribe the manner of the removal, provided the nuisance exists, either by common law, by statute or in fact," said the court, "but the exercise of the authority must be used within reason."

The failure of the city authorities to comply with the ordinance, even assuming its validity, the court ruled, was in that the notices to remove the buildings were not signed either by the city building inspector or fire marshal, as the ordinance requires.

Several other property owners who have been directed by the city to remove buildings under the same ordinance have brought suits against the city, and all have been delayed pending the decision in the Arbuckle suit, decided yesterday. Judge Harris visited the buildings in controversy and made a personal inspection from cellar to roof.

Jersey Breeders Organize.
ALBANY, Or., March 14.—(Special.)

The Linn County Jersey Breeders' Association was formed in this city yesterday by breeders of high-grade Jersey cattle residing in this county. Robert L. Burkhardt, of Albany, was elected president of the association and J. M. Dickson, of Sheeha, secretary. The purpose of the organization is to promote the interests of Jersey breeders in this section of the state.

SCIENTISTS' MEETING SET
Reed College Will Send 13 Faculty Members to Seattle.

Thirteen members of the Reed College faculty have signified their intention of attending the meeting of the Pacific Association of Scientific Societies at Seattle. The meeting will be held the week following the Portland 1915 conference at Reed College, May 12, 14 and 15, and a number of the delegates to the Seattle meeting probably will attend the conference at Reed.

Delegates from colleges and universities who are to pass through Portland on their way to Seattle have been invited to a dinner at the University Club on the evening of May 20.

Several of the Reed College faculty will read papers at the Seattle meeting. Among the members who plan to attend are Dr. Compton, Mr. Cushing, Dr. Ewer, Dr. Foster, Dr. Griffin, Dr. Morgan, Dr. Osburn, Miss Florence Reed,

GENERALS OF OPPOSING FORCES IN Y. M. C. A. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN



J. E. Werlein



F. N. Clark

Dr. Rees, Dr. Eleanor Rowland, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stahl and Dr. Torrey.

CITY'S CASH \$1,571,883.59
Treasurer Reports on Amounts in Various Municipal Funds.

The city has a total of \$1,571,883.59 on hand in the various funds, according to the semi-monthly statement issued yesterday by City Treasurer Adams. The report shows the following figures:

General	\$33,061.92
Fire Department	1,495.37
Police Department	248.24
Street repair	248.24
Bonded indebtedness interest	22,799.45
Park	10,252.78
Street cleaning and sprinkling	27.15
Improvement bond sinking	209,929.79
Improvement bond interest	32,712.17
Water	487,794.02
Park and boulevard	49,334.79
Broadway bridge	3,123.53
Garbage crematory	2,778.18
Municipal Jail	869.09
Fire boat and fire main	198.03
Special	6,943.99
Sinking	15,794.19
Water bond sinking	2,242.33
Water fund bond account	22.95
Police and Fire Departments reserve	73.91
Bonded indebtedness sinking	534.74
Street improvement	45,080.10
Sewer	12,969.21
Water fund	47,612.57
Street and sewer interest	4,554.88
Total	\$1,571,883.59

Fever Hits St. Helens Schools.
ST. HELENS, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—With one week of vacation in the schools of the city already passed, there is every indication of the suspension continuing. Three new cases of scarlet fever were put under quarantine by the doctors today.

200 HELP TO BUILD
Y. M. C. A. Inaugurates Membership Campaign.

INITIATION FEE IS WAIVED

F. N. Clark and J. E. Werlein Are Generals of Opposing Forces. Many Arguments Furnished Workers to Augment Roll.

There will be no lack of "talking points" when 200 men and a large number of boys set out tomorrow to increase the membership of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association. F. N. Clark and J. E. Werlein, generals of the opposing forces, have been drilling into their men some of the arguments that may be presented why membership in the association is

desirable. They point out that the association promotes 200 separate activities, and they believe that it would be indeed difficult to find anyone who would not be benefited by some of these privileges.

The association has eliminated the initiation fee during the week that the contest is in progress. It is very seldom this concession is made, so that this will be one argument used to induce prospective members to join this week. It is certain it will be at least a year before this opportunity is presented again.

"For every possible objection that may be brought against joining the Y. M. C. A. there is a logical answer," said Mr. Clark. "If a man says he is too poor, it may be pointed out that he will actually gain financially by joining. Systematic exercise in the physical department will improve anyone's health and increase his capacity for work."

"The educational department offers opportunities that thousands of young men in Portland should take advantage of. Nearly anyone starting his life work, no matter what calling he has selected, can find something there to benefit him."

"The Y. M. C. A. is the greatest institution in Portland," declared Mr. Werlein. "Everybody knows something of what it is doing, but few realize the extent of the work that it is accomplishing. The chief object of the Y. M. C. A. is to conserve and build up character."

One of those active in the preparation for the membership campaign yesterday noted down some of the privileges and special equipment that are made available to a young man through membership in the Y. M. C. A. Here is his list:

Two large gymnasiums, with floor space of 7175 square feet.

Concave cork running track.

Four-wall handball court, 21 by 45 feet, with 20-foot ceiling.

Wrestling and boxing room with padded walls and rubber floor.

Eight tile-lined rooms for shower baths.

Association Offers Much.

Tile-lined swimming pool, 20 by 60, with absolutely pure filtered water.

Lockers and dressing rooms, and club rooms for business and professional men.

Two clay tennis courts.

Cross-country running and other outdoor sports.

Gymnasium classes meeting at all hours of day and evening.

Lectures on first aid to the injured and hygiene.

Thoroughly trained physical directors.

Complete school of religious education.

Popular Bible classes on Sunday and frequent series of religious lectures.

Frequent social gatherings, dinners and luncheons.

Day and night schools for men with more than 1200 students.

Technical and industrial course, business course, college preparatory course, elementary course and special courses.

Completely equipped, electrical, chemical and technical laboratories.

One of the finest wireless telegraph plants on Pacific Coast.

Automobile school with separate building and elaborate equipment.

Large faculty of experienced teachers.

Educationally lectures and entertainments.

Advisory and employment department that has been accepted as model by associations in all western states.

Lobby equipped with reading matter and games.

Association hall where meetings are held almost daily.

Cafeteria where more than 1000 people dine daily.

A complete boys' department, with quarters entirely separate from the men's department.

Launch that is used for daily river trips in Spring and Summer.

Quantities for social service.

Building equipment worth more than \$500,000 and visited by 4000 people every day.

POLK FAIR PLANS SET
BONDS OF \$4800 ISSUED FOR PURCHASE OF 16-ACRE TRACT.

Association Names Committee and Elects Rev. Edgar W. Miles, Secretary and Manager.

MONMOUTH, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Polk County Fair Association, committee men and committee-women were named for the fair this year, and Rev. Edgar W. Miles, a retired Presbyterian minister, was re-elected secretary and general manager. A bond issue of \$4800 to purchase a tract of 16 acres, west of Dallas, was voted by the directors. The dates of the annual exhibit have not been fixed owing to uncertainty as to the time set for fairs in neighboring counties.

Committees for the various districts of Polk County were chosen as follows: Spring Valley, Lincoln, Lone Star—Miss Carrie Dahm and Ralph Shepard; West Salem, Eola—Mrs. R. W. Hogg and Thomas Holman; Brush College, Mountain View, Popcorn—Mrs. Fred Ewing and A. B. Southwick; Rickreall, Greenwood, Oak Grove, Crowley—Mrs. E. M. Young and F. A. Koser; Bethel, McCoy—Mrs. C. L. Hawley and G. L. Richards; Perrydale and Broadmead—Miss Nellie Key and F. E. Lynn; Smithfield, Polk Station, Orchard View—Mrs. T. A. Dunn and W. J. Garner; Salt Creek, Orchards, Upper Salt Creek—Mrs. Willcock and Ralph Sawyer; Ballston, Empire, Red Prairie—Mrs. O. E. Focht and George Newbill; Buell, Gooseneck, Harmony—Mrs. E. V. D. Paul and Thomas Merrick; Butler, Fern, Valley Junction, Rogue River—Mabel Wallace and Percy Lady; Pioneer—Mrs. George Curtis and O. N. Harrington; Independence, Oak Point—Mrs. James Cooper and Rev. H. Charles Dunsomer; Buena Vista, Hopville, Highland, Parker—Mrs. Winona Leonard and W. I. Reynolds; Suver, Fairview, Valley View—Mrs. J. Kruntz and Fred Stamp; Mormouth, Cockran, Elders, Sunnylope—Mrs. E. C. Staats and John Riddell; Airle, Ward, Lewisville—Mrs. Claire Staats and J. O. Staats; Guthrie, Mistletoe, Antioch, Bridgeport—Mrs. C. C. Gardner and Douglas Gilliam; Pelee, Montgomery, McTimmond's Valley, Fir Grove, Cherry Grove, Maple Grove—Mrs. Eva Ritner and Douglas Love; Falls City, Oakland, Black Rock—Mrs. Jessie Mobery and J. S. Powell; Oakland, Liberty—Mrs. O. E. Dennis and J. S. Macomber; Dallas and North Dallas—Mrs. J. R. Craven and F. J. Coad.

SAVINGS \$135 TO \$385
In pianos and player pianos. See Graves Music Co. adv., page 12, section 2.—Adv.

You want a WISS if you want a real pair of Shears or Scissors

Madam Dressmaker, and every man, woman and child, who uses scissors, will you listen to reason? No household necessity meets with greater deception than scissors.

You see wonderful announcements of great and special bargains—50c to \$1.50 scissors and shears, any size, for 25c, and yes, sometimes even for 19c. Beware! before you give up your good money for such trash—for that is all it is. Remember that this bargain scissors will certainly not hold its edge—it is not guaranteed—it may be cast iron or soft steel. It may be held together with an iron rivet, sure to get loose and when the two blades are loose the scissors are useless.

The bargain scissors does not prove an economy. Don't be fooled. It costs only a trifle more to get the best shears and scissors in the world. For 50c per pair and up, according to size and style, you can obtain genuine Wiss "Steel-forged" Shears and Scissors. They have the quality that makes every user a fast friend—they stay sharp.

They cut clean and do not chew the cloth. Each pair of blades is adjusted to the thousandth part of an inch with the finest screws that skill can produce. Every one of the hundreds of operations is carried out in the way that has been scientifically proved best, regardless of expense. They are America's best.

In the mills and factories, where shears are used constantly as a tool, the Wiss have been found by actual test to be the cheapest in the long run. You want a Wiss if you want a real pair of shears or scissors. Look for this trademark and insist upon it. It will guarantee you against inferior goods that actually cost more in the long run.

IF YOU DON'T SEE THIS IT ISN'T A WISS

NEW ERA CHINESE BAND OF PORTLAND ORGANIZES FOR ROSE FESTIVAL PARADES

Try-Out, However, Comes With a Concert, March 27—Thirty Musicians Are Nearly All American Born and Show Unexpected Enthusiasm for American Band Music.



THE strains of really excellent brass-band music, hovering evenings around "old" Chinatown in the neighborhood of Second and Oak streets, have caused street patrons to wonder what new band in town gives a free concert there. The mystery is explained. The New Era Chinese Band, Herman Lowe, governor, and R. C. Beach, director, is in training and so successful have been the rehearsals that the band will appear in its opening concert at the First Presbyterian Church house, Thirteenth and Alder streets, March 27. Nearly all the 30 young musicians are American-born Chinese and have developed great enthusiasm for American band music. At the concert, the patronesses will be: Mrs. C. R. Templeton, Mrs. J. K. Locke, Mrs. S. P. Lockwood, Mrs. George C. Brownell. Solos will be sung by Mrs. J. E. Werlein, contralto, and Mrs. L. M. Leland, soprano, and piano duets will be played by Misses Emma and Evelyn Ewart. Mrs. A. J. Montgomery, superintendent of Chinese mission work for the Presbyterian churches of this city, has interested herself in the progress shown by the New Era Chinese Band and says that it is the boys' fond musical dream not only to give a good account of themselves as musicians at the concert March 27, but to be found worthy of the honor of being allowed to play in street parades at the time of the Rose Festival in this city.

BOOKS TO GO PARCEL POST
Beginning Tomorrow New Rule Goes Into Effect With Proviso.

Books may be sent by parcel post, beginning Monday, if the parcel exceeds eight ounces in weight.

Printed matter, other than newspapers and periodicals entered as second-class matter, will be accepted at parcel rates in packages of more than one pound.

If the weight be four pounds or less, the third-class rate of 1 cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof will apply.

Pamphlets and catalogues, whether bound in paper or more substantial binding, will be regarded as books and will be accepted as such.

However, if doubt exists as to whether or any matter comes within the term "books," a sample should be submitted to Postmaster Myers for a ruling.

It will be possible under the new regulations in packages of more than one pound for political candidates to ship

CONDIMENTS

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"Condiment—A sauce, relish, spice, or the like, used to season or give relish to food."—Standard Dictionary.

"It (food) also includes those bodies of a liquid character which are classed as beverages rather than as foods. All of these bodies have nutritive properties, although their chief value is condimental and social."—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley in "Foods and Their Adulteration."

Among the good beverages—drinks that are of positive economic value because they add to the enjoyment of food—pure, mild beer is without a superior.

Next Sunday we shall tell you why.

OLYMPIA BREWING COMPANY

Olympia, Wash.

Olympia Beer on draught or in bottles can be bought from well-conducted retail establishments everywhere in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and Hawaii.

A case for your home can also be obtained from our branch in Portland (Phone A 2467 or Main 671), Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Aberdeen, Pasco or Wallace.

Try Grandmother's Old Favorite Recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and luster to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Yet, it is the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.—Adv.

BE PRETTY! TURN GRAY HAIR DARK

HOW YOU MAY THROW AWAY YOUR GLASSES

The statement is made that thousands wear eyeglasses who do not really need them. If you are one of these unfortunate, then these glasses may be ruining your eyes instead of helping them. Thousands who wear these "windows" may prove for themselves that they can dispense with glasses if they will get the following prescription filled at once: Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Optoma; fill a two-ounce bottle with warm water and drop in one Optoma tablet. With this harmless liquid solution bathe the eyes two to four times daily, and you are likely to be astonished at the results right from the start. Many who have been told that they have astigmatism, eye-strain, cataract, sore eyelids, weak eyes, conjunctivitis and other eye disorders, report wonderful benefits from the use of this prescription. Get this prescription filled and use it; you may so strengthen your eyes that glasses will not be necessary. Thousands who are blind, or nearly so, or who wear glasses would never have required them if they had cared for their eyes in time. Save your eyes before it is too late! Do not become one of these victims of neglect. Eyeglasses are only like crutches and every few years they must be changed. It is the ever-increasing weakened condition, so better see if you can, like many others, get clear, healthy, strong magnetic eyes through the prescription here given.—Adv.