

RED TAPE TRAP COSTS CITY DEARLY

Purchasing Bureau Expense Is \$1 on Requisition for Five-Cent Purchase.

SUPPLY SYSTEM IS BLAMED

Lack of Co-operation Between Departments Said to Result in 1100 Transactions Being Made Each Month.

It costs the city close to \$1 to put through a requisition for a purchase. Red tape is the principal reason for a large part of those dozens of requisitions...

These facts loom up in spite of the luring promises made a couple of years ago that Commission government would provide a smooth, dependable economic purchasing system.

For two years now the city has had the purchasing bureau, at a cost of about \$9000 a year, and it has had the system. But to a large extent that is about as far as the promises have been fulfilled.

There is no doubt that the city has saved money in some of the purchases, but the system is so tied up with red tape, and there is such a lack of co-operation between the various branches of the government and the purchasing bureau...

Departments Are Blamed. The fault, it is said, is not necessarily with the purchasing bureau. The head of this service asserts he has asked the city bureau and departments to make in advance annual or semi-annual statements of their needs...

Many of the small purchases are necessary, being for supplies not frequently needed, but many more are believed unnecessary. Records show, for example, purchases of small amounts of carbon paper twice or three times a month...

And more important still, is the requisition. This is a costly affair. It is estimated, costs no less than \$1 whether it be for a five-cent purchase or a dozen gross of 5-cent pencils.

When the bill from the vendor is received it is put with the tally sheet and the order sheet and sent to the Auditor where the original requisition is attached. The various sheets are compared and matched and a claim is made up.

Much Handing Required. The requisitions then go to the Auditor's office where they are checked, a duplicate kept and the original sent back to the purchasing bureau. An order then is written in quadruplicate. One copy goes to the Auditor, one to the department making the purchase, one to the vendor and one is retained by the purchasing bureau.

Counting the time of employees, the paper used, and the space used in empty books, it is conservatively estimated that the cost of putting through a requisition—whether for 5 cents or \$200—is near \$1. The system includes the city's old purchasing system, with a large array of new processes, transactions and employees to handle it.

Change Is Suggested. There are on the average about 1100 requisitions put through each month. Desires upon dozens of these are for less than \$1. The great majority are for less than \$5.

When the proposal was first made the Albina Fuel Company declared it would entail a loss of \$10 a day to them if the ferry was moved. Ed Weirlein, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, yesterday stated to the Commission that this objection had been withdrawn, and that if the ferry is transferred for that week, the P. R. L. & P. Co. will make good any losses to anybody resulting from the absence of the Albina ferry.

price for carbon paper has been less, thus showing a saving, yet it has been necessary to use far more of the paper to accomplish the same results.

PERRY TRULLINGER IS DEAD

Son of Oregon Pioneer of 1848 Passes Away at Age of 60.

After a lingering illness, Perry A. Trullinger died at the Portland General Hospital Friday night, August 13, at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Trullinger was born on what was known as the Durham place in Washington County, Oregon, on April 9, 1855, and was four months past 60 years of age.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTER TO BECOME INSURANCE AGENT.



Rev. D. V. Poling, ex-pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church and for 15 years in charge of the First Church at The Dalles, has decided to quit the ministry and become a writer of life insurance.

Nearly a year ago the Rev. Mr. Poling left his pulpit to go on a tour of the United States with the Flying Squadron. He has had great success in leading choruses in his church work.

He will take up his new vocation within a few weeks and will be stationed in this state, probably in Eastern Oregon. He has a wife and three children. Rev. Mr. Poling has been a clergyman for 35 years.

In 1875, the first large sawmill plant in Astoria. Perry Trullinger was married on December 26, 1876, at Forest Grove, to Miss Emma Watt, daughter of the late Abio Watt, who had been schoolmaster at the Pacific University. During the past eight years he and his wife had lived on their farm near Eagle Creek, Clackamas County. Besides his widow, Mr. Trullinger leaves two sons, Dr. Paul A. of Portland, and Ross, of Chicago; four brothers, Grant and Thad, of Astoria, and John and William, of Portland; and two sisters, Mrs. E. A. Mack, of Astoria, and Mrs. T. T. Geer, of Portland. Funeral services will be held at the Portland Crematorium tomorrow at 2 o'clock. Rev. William G. Elliot officiating. Friends are invited.

objections to the removal of Webster from Albina run. Unless legal restrictions forbid, the ferry Webster, now in service at Albina, will be transferred to Vancouver during the week of September 6-11, to accommodate the crowds going to the Clark County Fair. All objections to the transfer were withdrawn before the Commission.

SOME OF BOY STARS IN VAUDEVILLE AT OAKS AMUSEMENT PARK BY AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS, INTRODUCING YOUNG AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE BAND.

ONE BOY DEFIES DEATH. A triple bill, including the brass band and vaudeville performances of the Australian Boy Students, a so-called death-defying cycling act by Oscar V. Babcock, known as the "death trap loop," and the final performance of the Frank Rich Musical Comedy Company combine in making the new programme at the Oaks today unusual both in size and quality.

An accidental clash of programmes and dates was responsible for the size of the bill. Both the Babcock cycling act and the Australian band, which has just closed an engagement at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, followed by one-night stands in the larger cities of the Willamette Valley, will hold over all week at the park, while the musical comedy company, in their latest offering, "Variety Isle," will close tonight.

Two Darling Fests Combined. Babcock cycles down a steep incline into a loop, which he circles. Then a trap is sprung and the performer speeds out and up a short incline. Next he leaps a gap. Babcock's act, which is held already to have been responsible for the death of five men, is a combination of two different acts, "looping the loop" and "flying the flume." His performance is declared to be even more sensational than the famous "autos that pass in the air" feature, which was at the Oaks two years ago.

The Australian students chosen for participation in this second tour of the Young Australia League are described as the pick of the commonwealth. Each young fellow had to pay his own transportation, although in some instances chambers of commerce contributed sufficient funds for a boy to be with the party. In addition the Australian government gave a subsidy to the league for the tour.

The aims of the tour are: To advertise Australia; to educate Australian youth by travel; to promote trade and commerce and to quicken international friendships.

Some idea of what the first trip accomplished is given by Lieutenant Simons, commanding officer, who says that every member of the first party now holds a highly satisfied position as the result of the experience gained on the first trip.

Students to be Honored. Mayor Albee will receive the Australians officially Tuesday and will welcome them to the city. The Chamber of Commerce will hold a luncheon for them and is arranging an itinerary of sight seeing and visits to industries. British residents, headed by J. C. Robinson, are planning a British night at the Oaks. The boys will stay at the Y. M. C. A.

Each vaudeville, athletic acts, sketches, duos, sextets and song numbers are all included in the repertoire of the boys, in addition to the band concerts. It is said they will offer a combined vaudeville programme that will surprise older thespians.

The band was engaged at the Australian building at the Panama-Pacific Fair and was then engaged by the exposition authorities and appeared a number of times in the Court of Abundance. A commemorative plaque was presented to the organization by the exposition. Colonel Roosevelt made the only address he made outside of his official programme to the youths during his visit to San Francisco.

The young Australians will appear twice daily this week at the Oaks in the same manner as other entertainment features.

OUTING FOR WARDS PLAN. Gresham Society Is Arranging Day at County Fair.

GRESHAM, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The Women's Home Missionary Society at their meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. D. E. Towle voted to give the children of the Portland Industrial Home a day at the Multnomah County Fair next month.

Mrs. K. A. Miller was appointed to present the matter to the fair board and ask for free admission for the children. A committee on transportation was appointed, consisting of Mrs. A. Hoyt, Mrs. G. W. Stapleton and Mrs. J. N. Clamahan. The women plan to serve a picnic dinner to the children.

MR. STARR, PIONEER, IS 90. Five Children, Youngest 51 Years Old, Attend Celebration.

Five of her children, the youngest 51 years of age, attended a celebration of the 90th birthday anniversary of Susan A. Starr, of 1123 Francis avenue, last Sunday. The celebration consisted of a family reunion.

Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. J. Benson Starr, of Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Starr is one of the sons of Mrs. Susan Starr. Mrs. Starr crossed the plains in 1858, and her children, and continued her journey to Oregon from there, arriving the following year.

MONSTER SALE OF CHOICE GUARANTEED GROCERIES

- 20c Canned Apricots on sale at 10c
20c Canned Peaches on sale at 10c
20c Canned Pears on sale at 10c
15c Large size No. 3 cans Monte, Solid Pack, Tomatoes, seven cans, 50c
15c Red Ribbon and Maine Corn at 5c
All kinds of Beans, the pound at 5c
8c Good Rice at the pound... 5c
Eight Large Bara White 9c
10c California Home Brand Sweet Pickles, four for 35c
10c Good Living Salmon sash for 35c
20c Columbia Chinook Salmon, the can... 4c
10c Can Campbell's Soup, all kinds... 5c
10c Almond's Mince, meat for 5c
10c Baker Cocoa nut, the package at 12c
20c Walnuts, the pound at 15c
10c Golden Living Salmon sash for 35c
10c Mount Hood Tar Soap at 10c
15c Can Oysters, now 7 1/2c
Regular 50c Package Tea at 25c
Tomatoes With Puree, six cans at 25c
10c Good Living Salmon sash for 35c
10c Toilet Paper, six packages for 25c
10c Mason Jar Rubbers at 5c
10c Oregon's Oilives on sale at 10c
5c Armour's Extract of 35c
5c Schilling's Baking Powder at 30c
at three for 25c
12c Lard Compound at the 8c
15c Heinz' Mustard on 7 1/2c
20c Large Size Bottle Cat-sup for 10c
10c Can Heinz' Pork and Beans for 10c
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25c Rex Sliced Beef, seven-ounce cans at 10c
10c Oysters, four cans on sale for 25c
25c Union Brand Corned Beef, 15-oz. cans at 10c
10c Glenore Brand 12 1/2c
10c Crabs at 10c
10c Cornstarch, the package at 5c
10c Gloss Starch, the 7 1/2c
package at 12 1/2c
40c Fin Fruit, in gallon cans, solid pack, all varieties, 20c on sale at 15c
20c Fresh Shredded Coconut, the pound at 15c
All Spices—including Cloves, Nutmeg, Mustard, Ginger, 25c
10c Vanilins, the package at 15c
35c Choice Coffee, the pound at 16c
25c Quart Jar Fancy 20c
15c Del Monte Brand Jellies on sale at 10c
10c Package Baker's Gelatin at 5c
15c Libby's Bacon on sale at 12 1/2c
Dixie Tea, good break-2 1/2c
fast tea, the package, 2 1/2c
25c Del Monte Canned 12 1/2c
Fruit at 15c
25c Best Coconut on sale at 15c
10c Libby's Bacon on 12 1/2c
50c Lava Soap on sale now 3c
10c Libby's Kettley's Tea on sale at 25c
50c "Yam" Brand Crabs 25c
10c German Ball Bluing on sale at 7c
10c Rex Eye on sale now at 5c
12c Twelve 1c Packages Japan Matches for 5c
40c Vanilla Extract on 25c
10c Curoco Ripe Olives on sale at 10c
10c Suncrest Raspberry 30c
able Coffee at 12 1/2c

SIMON SALVAGE STORE

J. Simon & Bro. 131-133 First Street Near Alder

Supply Your Grocery Wants Now at Simon's. Includes an illustration of a man carrying a large bundle on his back. Text: Read Every Item Every Article Underpriced. Sale Starts Tomorrow Morning at 9 o'Clock.

SALVAGE SALE OF PAINTS. WHITE LEAD, SHINGLE STAIN, LICE KILLER, TREE PAINT, SHELLAC, FLOOR WAX. All Chi-Namel Products at 1/2 Price.

FLOUR \$1.25. Here's a Decided Saving That Will Compel You to Buy 48-POUND SACKS OF SPERRY MILLS' CHOICE WHITE FLOUR. Includes an illustration of a flour sack.

OAKS TRIPLES BILL

Australian Students to Give Music and Vaudeville.

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"Loop-the-Loop" and "Flying-the-Flume" Acts Are Combined by Darling Youth; Frank Rich, Comedy on Programme, Too.

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MR. STREIFF ACCUSED

WOMAN DENIES SUICIDE ATTEMPT; REPEATS KIDNAPING STORY.

Insanity Charge Contradicted and Accusation by Detectives Are Branded as Untruths.

Reaffirming that the incidents surrounding her kidnaping were as she alleged and declaring that the detectives who investigated her case were entirely wrong in their conclusions, Mrs. Elizabeth Streiff, whose sensational story of abduction by a mysterious masked man followed the finding of her unconscious form at the foot of Sellwood Ferry two weeks ago, gave a statement to the press yesterday.

Mrs. Streiff, who has just returned from the hospital, wrote: "I wish to tell the public that it is untrue that I owe any furniture bills or that financial reasons led me to attempt suicide. I have receipts for my bills to date. I did not attempt suicide, but was forced, at the point of a gun, to get into the automobile after which a wild ride and struggle followed.

"I am no more possessed of insane illusions than the one who gave such untrue statements to the press. There would have been no doubting of my story or suicide theory evolved if I was a woman of means.

"The detectives alleged that Mrs. C. Colt told them a fern was against the kitchen door of my home so that no one could leave without disturbing it. She told me that the fern was in no such position and that she never told the detectives that it was.

"Further, Detective La Salle told Mrs. Colt that she was in serious danger if she tried to abscond with me in the future, showing that he believed the story he discredited.

"The attempt upon my life and to secure possession of letters which I hold was instigated by my former husband, Tom Streiff, and Guy McCoy. I am sure, and their reason was to secure possession of letters discrediting Mr. Streiff that I had kept. They wanted to get me away from the house and then set fire to the house, destroying the house and its contents, including the letters. The letters were of endearment and were written to me by my husband just previous to our divorce.

our divorce. He admitted everything I charged against him, and could accuse me of nothing, and wished me to come back again. He was very angry with me when I would not.

"Though I sacrificed my health in caring for my husband, he refused to pay my doctor and hospital bills when I was ill.

"As a testimonial to my character and trustworthiness, I offer the following letter from Julia M. Parker, of the Portland Convalescent Hospital: "To whom it may concern: This is to certify that I have known Mrs. Thomas Streiff for about seven years, and have known her to be an honest, respectable, hard-working wife and mother. Her only thoughts are for the training and betterment of her children and the care of her husband and home. My first acquaintance with Mrs. Streiff was at Collins Hot Springs, where she had taken her husband, who was absolutely helpless from inflammatory rheumatism. She took care of him to the detriment of her own health. It is my belief that Mr. Streiff owed his recovery to the care and devotion of Mrs. Streiff."

\$20,555 FIRE SUIT FILED

Albany Lumber Company Charged With Letting Blaze Escape.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Alleging that a fire which the Hammond Lumber Company set on May 12, 1914, to burn slashings escaped and destroyed its logging outfit, a large quantity of logs and considerable standing timber, which belonged to him, S. V. Hall, of Detroit, yesterday, yesterday brought an action against the company for \$20,555. His complaint was filed in the State Circuit Court here.

Hall alleges that he was engaged in logging on certain lands near Mill City when the fire occurred. He says it destroyed 1,933,150 feet of fallen timber, which it had cost him \$48,250 to fall and 481,491 feet of which had been converted into sawlogs at a cost of \$294.90.

Gresham High to Have Laboratory.

GRESHAM, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Union High School board Wednesday it was decided to install complete chemical and physical laboratory equipment for the first term. The equipment will cost \$400. The board authorized Principal Elmer F. Goodwin to prepare and issue a prospectus of the school before the opening.



Australian Boys Second World's Tour Sixette Singers College Boys and Bush Girls in Their Wooing Scene At The Oaks



Bobbie Frew, The Harry Leader Handful Willie Humphreys, Sailor Dancer At The Oaks

Fashion's Path VIA The Economy Route Leads to Barkhurst's. FALL SUITINGS \$20 MADE TO ORDER. All work is done in my own workshop on the premises, thus eliminating all middlemen's profits and all unnecessary expense. Ray Barkhurst Portland's Leading Tailor Cor. 6th and Stark Sts.