

### CITY GASOLINE, TOO, SHOWING SHORTAGE

#### Footprints of Old General Inefficiency Found in Purchasing Bureau.

#### ACCOUNTS BADLY HANDLED

#### Gross Irregularities Disclosed by Investigation and Check With Water Bureau Shows Not One Account Tallies.

With 1100 cords of wood missing from the city's wood yard and discrepancies peeping forth in most aggravating fashion in the records of gasoline distribution at the city's garage, these are busy days for the Municipal Purchasing Bureau under Purchasing Agent Wood and City Commissioner Bigelow.

#### Auditor Prevents Waste.

These claims, which were found irregular when they got as far as City Auditor Barbur's office, had been approved by the man the Purchasing Bureau had on hand, by the Purchasing Agent Wood and by Commissioner Bigelow. The work of checking over these things has not been completed as yet so the extent of the irregularities along this line are not known.

#### Check is Attempted.

Figures have been obtained from the Water Bureau by the Purchasing Bureau report. The Water Bureau figures were based upon the bills sent by the Purchasing Bureau for actual supplies and labor on each car in the Water Bureau. The cars are listed separately. The figures in the Purchasing Bureau report are different in every item from the report of the Water Bureau.

In one column of the Purchasing Bureau report is set forth the amount furnished city cars for cup grease. An addition of the column shows the total amount to be \$14.40. The report presents the addition as \$14.11.

The investigation of both wood and gasoline are going ahead. The actual figures are being compiled by City Auditor Barbur. Purchasing Bureau employees and the figures with those of the Auditor's office.

### CONCERT DRAWS THROG

#### ORPHEUM THEATER IS CROWDED TO CAPACITY FOR RECITAL.

#### Madame Valaire and Arthur von Jessen, Pianist, Featured at Schwann Piano Company Recital.

So much of a popular appeal had the concert directed by the Schwann Piano Company of this city, at the Orpheum Theater, last Friday night, that the seating accommodations for the concert were exhausted prior to the commencement of the event. The concert was a high-class one. The music selected for rendition was classical in character, and played by eminent pianists of the Bismarck-Paderewski order.

#### \$24 AUTO FEE AGREED ON

##### Mr. Daly Will Submit Proposed Tax Rate Ordinance This Week.

An agreement having been reached by John H. Stevenson, representing the taxicab interests, and City Commissioner Daly, to fix the proposed license for taxicabs at \$24 a year instead of \$50 a year as planned originally, the proposed taxicab ordinance will be submitted to the City Council probably this week.

### THREE GENERATIONS GATHERED AT HISTORIC CHAMPOEG YESTERDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT WEST OF THE ROCKIES



(1) Pilgrims to Champeog at the Monument Erected to the 52 Pioneers Who Voted for Provisional Government. (2) Veteran Quartet, Which Entertained With Songs. (3) Mrs. M. H. Himes, Z. Parviz, Director. (4) Edith Tozier Weathered, Who Made Appeal for State Aid in Building Champeog Auditorium. (5) E. B. McFarland, Mayor of Chinook, Who Delivered Address in the Jargon. (6) Judge Peter H. Geer, President of the Champeog Celebration. (7) Ex-Governor T. T. Geer, Speaker and Promoter of Acquaintances.

### FINE TRIBUTE PAID

#### Saving of Territory to Nation in 1843 Is Recounted.

### ANNUAL DRIZZLE FALLS

#### Exercises Are Held in Weather-Stained Hall and Demand for State Auditorium Is Born From Such Exigency.

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Champeog. It was drizzling then, but the folks already assembled, 200, or more, cheered a welcome to the evening throng at the ganseplank. The Fernwood brass band, engaged by the people of Butteville and Champeog, played a welcome air.

#### Salem Man Presides.

As president of the day, Judge Peter H. D'Arcy, of Salem, prefaced his introduction of Edward H. Belknap, Republican candidate for State Representative, with a comprehensive statement of the occasion and its purpose.

#### Old Favorite Applauded.

That never-fading favorite of Oregonians, Sam Sampson's lovely tribute to a lovely river, "The Beautiful Willamette," as interpreted with deep feeling by Judge D'Arcy, was received with a momentary silence that was broken by prolonged applause.

### Pioneers Indulge in Early-Day Reminiscences.

#### Champeog Trip is Entertained by Stories of Others Who Came When West Was New.

J. C. McKay, '59; John W. Baker, '53; Mrs. Laura Slaughterford, '64; T. R. A. Sellwood, '51; George H. Himes, '53; Mrs. Katie C. Chambers, '54; Mrs. Alice W. Hays, '52; and Mrs. E. W. Whitney, '57.

### PRIZES TOTAL \$1600

#### Winners in 1916 Floral Parade Classes to Get Cash.

### GREAT PAGEANT PLANNED

#### Entries for Tenth June Celebration Must Be Made Through Board of Patrons—Six Hundred Decorated Vehicles Slogan.

Sixteen hundred dollars in cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in the various classes of the 1916 Floral parade, the feature of the tenth annual Rose Festival scheduled for June 8, one month from tomorrow.

#### Plan Is Favored.

As John U. Smith is a candidate for the State Senate from Yamhill County, the fact that he followed on the program charged the situation with the utmost expectancy.

#### Plea for Interest Made.

Characterizing the annual observance as "the greatest thing we could possibly have to commemorate the preserving of this great state to our nation," T. R. A. Sellwood, of Milwaukie, impressed upon the gathering the necessity of keeping the flame of interest until the spot be recognized as its true value as a central point of reverent interest.

#### Judge is Thanked.

Judge D'Arcy's invitation is still extended, albeit in a semi-complete state. As he attempted to resume, ex-Governor Geer facetiously urged that the speaker be extended a vote of thanks for the excellent speeches he had prepared for various speakers.

#### Recall Move is Started

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### STUDENTS TO SEE HIGHWAY

#### Northwestern College of Law Class Plans Excursion in June.

An excursion to the Columbia River Highway will be taken by the class of '18, Northwestern College of Law, as the result of action taken at a meeting held at the Courthouse Friday night. The excursion will be early in June.

### A GOOD STOMACH MEANS BETTER HEALTH.

Everything conducive to better health is encouraged by keeping the stomach normal, the liver active and the bowels regular.

With these organs working in harmony your appetite will be kept—your food will be properly digested—your blood will be enriched and your general health improved.

### HOSTESSER'S STOMACH BITTERS

An Excellent Tonic and Appetizer

### CRAB CANNERY OPERATES

#### NEWPORT, Or., May 6.—(Special)—The cannery at Waldport, Ore., is running a full shift cannery crabs and clams.

### RECALL MOVE IS STARTED

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### PORTLAND PEOPLE IN CHICOGO.

CHICAGO, May 6.—(Special)—From Portland, today registered at the Auditorium was U. W. Briggs; at the La Salle, R. C. Keene.

### LEBANON PLANS IMPROVEMENTS.

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### CITY IN FRANCHISE MIXUP

Messenger Company Doesn't Want to Pay \$1200 Asked.

In an effort to force the City Messenger & Delivery Company to pay \$1200 due the city for the rights granted the company under its franchise, Commissioner Bigelow has prepared an ordinance revoking the company's franchise.

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### BIG DRILL IS NEAR

#### 6500 Pupils Prepare for Exhibition on May 17.

### HUNDREDS IN REHEARSALS

#### Gala Event Will Be Featured by Indian Club Work, Dances and Games—Teachers Are Assisting in Plans.

One week from Wednesday is the great field exhibition by the Portland school children and already the youngsters are in trim and almost perfect in their dance drills and games. Rehearsals have been going on for some time, but the largest yet held was at Washington High School Wednesday afternoon, when several hundred of the pupils were put through their "paces" by Mr. Krohn and assisting teachers.

The rehearsal was a miniature of the real event, which is to be May 17, on Multnomah Athletic Field, with 6500 children participating.

There was a gala air about the practice day, for the children already were well schooled in their drills and dances and are eager for the big event.

### Special Car Service Planned.

On May 25 cars will be used exclusively for the children already rehearsed will be taken to and from the Multnomah Field. E. T. Strecher is head of the transportation committee.

### 25 Maypoles Will Be Used.

Around 25 Maypoles 400 children will swing in the characteristic, time-honored dances of the May. This will be one of the most enjoyable and metric events of the exhibition. At all the schools the children have been working diligently to perfect their May dances and already the ones who will take part have been picked. In all 60 schools will be represented.

### Governor Will Be Guest.

Governor Withycombe has accepted an invitation to be honor guest at the May exhibition and will be a grandstand at the Multnomah Athletic Field will be reserved for him and other state officials who have promised to attend the affair. Mr. Withycombe will be the guest of Superintendent I. R. Alderman.

### Assistants Are Announced.

Assisting Mr. Krohn in calisthenic drills will be A. M. Cannon, William Parker, H. E. Cannon, Hugh Boyd, B. H. Houghton, C. A. Fry, Edward Curtis, L. H. Morgan, I. A. Reed, W. A. Dickson, C. M. Higgins, A. R. Draper, Miss Estelle Porter, E. H. Whitney, William Miller, Leonard in wand drills will be J. W. McCombs, C. M. Stafford, W. A. Pettys, G. K. Jamison, E. Brown, Mrs. A. Z. Watson, H. M. Barr, Paul Roberts, Mrs. Ida Allbaugh, A. F. Herscher, Mrs. L. D. Thomas, L. D. Roberts, G. R. Dinwiddie, C. R. Boyd, C. E. Strong.

### Crab Cannery Operates.

NEWPORT, Or., May 6.—(Special)—The cannery at Waldport, Ore., is running a full shift cannery crabs and clams. About 25 men are crabs on Alsea Bay, making from \$5 to \$7 a day. Some 15 or 20 girls are employed in the cannery, earning from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a day.

### Recall Move is Started

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MEDFORD, Or., May 6.—(Special)—Alleging misappropriation of funds, extravagance and inefficiency, recall petitions for members of the Jackson County Court are being circulated in Medford. The leader of the movement is C. J. Seamon, president of the Medford Concrete Company, who has had a number of disagreements with the County Court over road contracts.